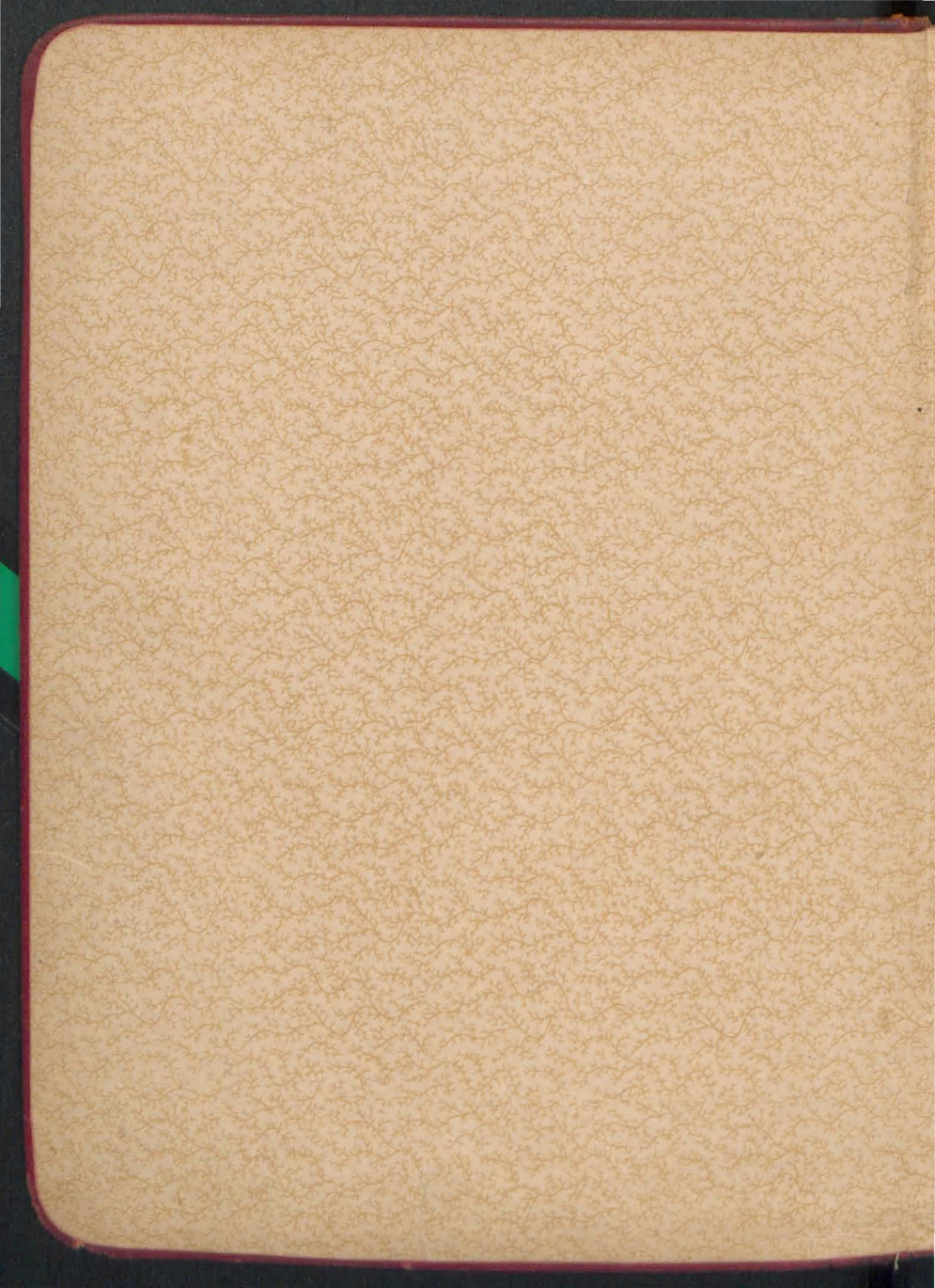
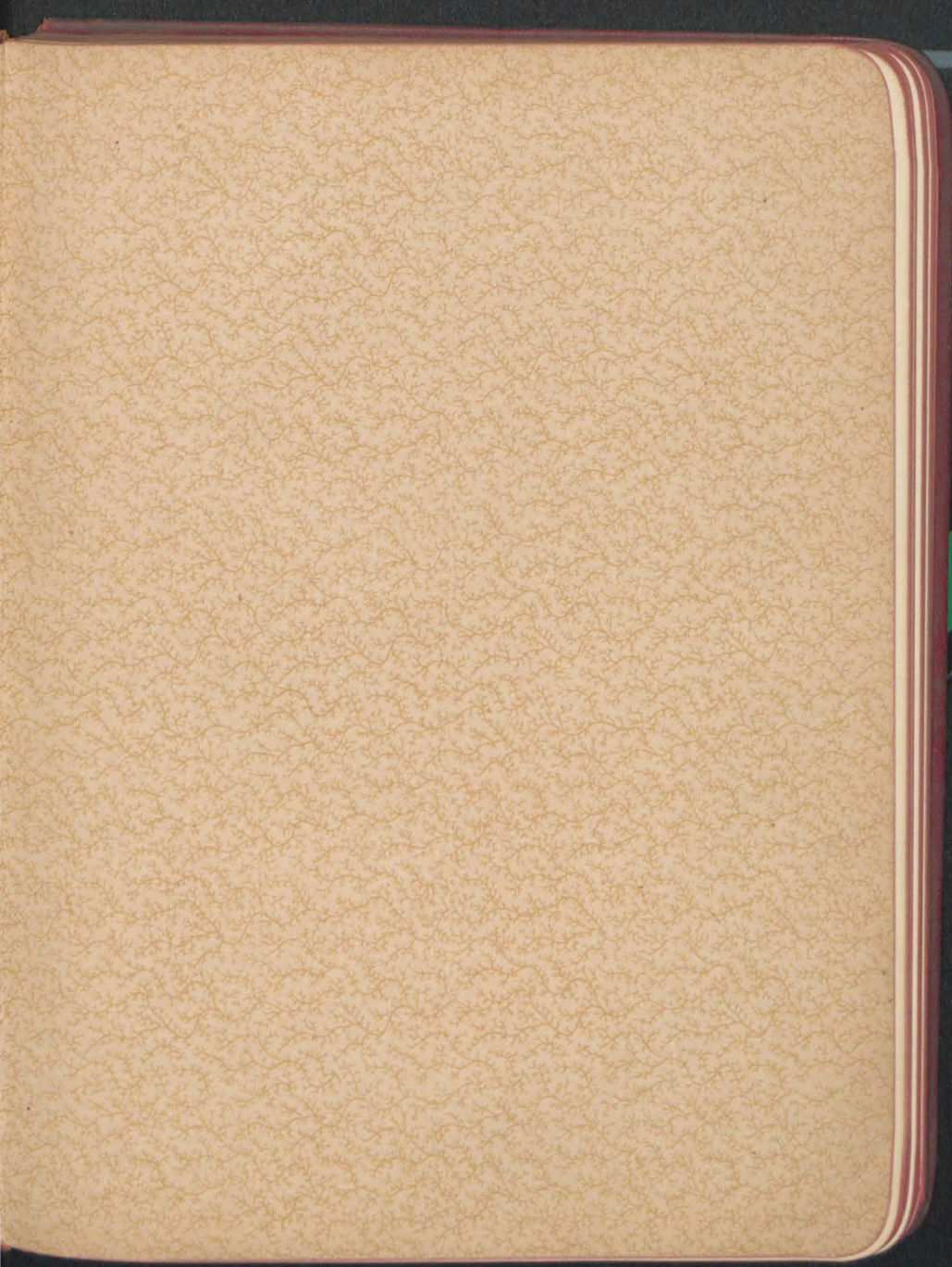


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NAME.

SECTION 1. (1) This Association shall be called the NATIONAL LEAGUE and AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

OBJECTS.

SEC. 2. The objects of this League are:

(1) To perpetuate base ball as the National game of the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

(2) To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players, and

(3) To establish and regulate the professional base ball championship of the United States.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 3. This League shall consist of twelve clubs (*the membership of which shall not be increased or diminished for a period of ten years*) located in the following named cities, to wit: Boston, New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Cleveland and Chicago; or such other clubs as may, from time to time, be elected to membership, as may be hereinafter provided for; *but in no event shall there be more than one club in any city.*

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 4. Any club member of this League finding itself unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, shall have the right to ask the League for permission to dispose of its

rights and franchises, as a member of the League, to some other city or organization. In the event of this League giving its consent to the acceptance of such city or organization to membership, providing said club shall assume, together with the rights and franchises of said retiring club, all the liabilities, responsibilities and obligations entered into by said retiring club, as a member of this League. Provided, also, and it must be so understood by the retiring and the new member, that the retiring club shall not be relieved or released from any contracts, responsibilities or obligations, entered into by it to this League, until all of said contracts, responsibilities and obligations have been fully paid and determined by the club accepting its membership, rights, franchises, etc.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 5. No club shall be admitted to membership unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League a written application signed by its President and Secretary, and accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and, where the State law permits it, chartered. Such application shall at once be transmitted by the Secretary to the Board of Directors, who shall immediately investigate and report upon said application, said report to be communicated to the League through the Secretary.

SEC. 6. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by ballot, a three-fourths vote being requisite for election.

IN REGARD TO VACANCIES.

SEC. 7. In case a vacancy occurs in the membership of this organization during the championship season, the President shall nominate to all the clubs all applicants for membership; and the vote thereon may be taken by telegraph or mail, as occasion may require, and a majority of all the clubs will be required to admit any applicant to membership. Such membership, however, shall continue only until the next annual meeting, but such club shall be subject to all the rules and requirements of this organization.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 8. The membership of any club may be terminated—

(1) By resignation duly accepted by a three-fourths vote of all clubs in meeting duly convened, as provided in Section 4.

(2) By failure to present its nine at the time and place agreed upon to play any championship game, unless caused by unavoidable accident in traveling.

(3) By allowing open betting or pool selling upon its grounds or in any building owned or occupied by it.

(4) By playing any game of ball with a club that is disqualified or ineligible under this Constitution.

(5) By offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball; or failing to immediately expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon.

(6) By disbandment of its organization or club team during the championship season.

(7) By failing or refusing to fulfill its contractual obligations.

(8) By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Board of Directors.

(9) By wilfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the legislation or playing rules made in pursuance thereof, or any violation of the provisions of the National Agreement.

THE EXPULSION OF CLUBS.

SEC. 9. To carry into effect the provisions of Section 8 of this Constitution, the facts in any case covered by such section must be reported to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once notify, by mail or telegraph, the party charged with the specified default or offense and inquire whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged. In case the facts are disputed, the Board shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe; and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties except in case of expulsion, when such finding shall be forwarded to each club, which shall transmit to the Secretary written ballots "For Expulsion" or "Against Expulsion"; and if all clubs vote "For Expulsion" the Secretary shall notify all clubs of the forfeiture of membership of the party charged.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 10. (1) Each club shall pay to the Secretary, on or before the first day of April of each year, the sum of \$100 as annual dues; and such other sums as from time to time may be assessed for the payment of salaries of officers and umpires, and for such other expenses as may be incurred by order of this League or the Board of Directors. Also

all fines and penalties imposed by said League or its Board of Directors upon a club or upon any club officer, player, manager, scorer, or other employe when so levied and imposed by virtue of, and in accordance with, the provisions of this Constitution and the playing rules of this League.

(2) Upon conviction of any of the offenses prescribed in Section 8, as causes for expulsion, the Board of Directors may, in the first instance, as a preliminary to, or in lieu of expulsion, impose such a fine as is in their judgment commensurate with the injury; which fine may include a penalty payable to any other club or clubs, as an equivalent for damages sustained for such violation of this Constitution, or of the legislation or contracts made in pursuance thereof.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 11. At its annual meeting the League shall elect a President-Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors. The President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall report to the Board of Directors any violation of the provisions of this Constitution that may come to his knowledge. *He shall be the sole interpreter of the playing rules during the championship season.* He shall preside at all the meetings of the League, and at the annual meeting of the League shall act as a schedule committee, unless said meeting shall otherwise direct.

Should the office of President become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty days thereafter, elect a President.

THE SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

SEC. 12. The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all funds of the League; receive all dues, fees and assessments; make such payments, as shall be ordered by the Board or by the vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts; and he shall give such bond, with approved sureties, as the Board may require.

SEC. 13. The Secretary shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices, and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall also prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

SEC. 14. The Secretary shall keep a record of all infractions of the rules and regulations of the League that may come under his notice, and shall make a report on the same to the Board at its next meeting.

SEC. 15. The Secretary shall receive such salary as the Board, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they would deem for the interest and safety of the League. At the expiration of his term of office he shall account for, and deliver up to the Board, all the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

SEC. 16. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President and four other members, to be chosen at the annual meeting by ballot, two of whom shall represent the Eastern clubs and three the Western clubs.

SEC. 17. In case of vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any Director, the club of which he was a member, at the time he was chosen, shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding, or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Section 12.

QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS.

SEC. 18. No person shall be qualified to act as Director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board of Directors, nor shall any Director sit in the trial of a cause in which his club is interested.

SEC. 19. The Board shall meet annually on the morning of the second Tuesday in December, at 12 o'clock noon, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require.

SEC. 20. The Board shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting; which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary; together with all official papers, documents and property, which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

SEC. 21. The Board shall have a general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, including the award of the championship and such other duties expressly or impliedly conferred upon them by this Constitution, or by legislation made in pursuance thereof. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal for the trial of managers or players for any violation of this Constitution or of the playing rules or other rules of discipline, unless the League, by a three-fourths vote of its club membership, shall otherwise direct. It shall be the sole and exclusive tribunal to hear and determine disputes between clubs; complaints by a club against the manager or player of another club, or by a manager or player against his own club, or an appeal by a player against fine, suspension or expulsion by his own club, and generally for the adjudication of all issues of law or fact arising out of this Constitution; the Playing Rules and other legislation made in pursuance thereof.

SEC. 22. The Board shall adopt such regulations, and such rules of procedure for the hearing and determination of all disputes and complaints brought before them. Where such dispute is in relation to a game alleged to have been played in violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, the complaint and accompanying proofs must be filed within five days after the date of said game with the President of the Board, who shall send a copy of the same to the other clubs, with orders to file its answer within five days thereafter. The President of the Board shall in the first instance decide the dispute on its merits and forthwith communicate his decision to both clubs, either of which may within five days appeal from said decision to the full Board. Said decision, together with all other documents and proofs, shall thereupon be transmitted for a mail vote to the different members of the Board. *The finding of the Board shall be final*, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board.

SEC. 23. The Board shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a manager or player of another club (prior to the expiration of the championship season) for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution, or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball; and shall have power to require the club, to which such player or manager may belong, to discipline him, and upon repetition of such offense to expel him. Provided

that such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and such particulars shall be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

SEC. 24. In case a player, under contract with a League club, shall, during a current season, prefer a complaint in writing to the Secretary of the League against such a club, alleging that such club is in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due on account of such contract, the Secretary shall at once transmit to the said club a copy of such complaint, and require an answer thereto. On receipt of such answer, or if five days shall have elapsed without the receipt of an answer, the Secretary shall refer the papers in the case to the Board of Directors, and should the Board find the player's complaint sustained, they shall require the club, under penalty of forfeiture of its membership, to pay to the player forthwith the full amount ascertained to be due him. Provided that should the player refuse to serve the club pending action by the Board on his complaint, he will thereby forfeit the benefits of the award, and in such case the Board shall revoke his award.

SEC. 25. The Board shall promptly hear an appeal made by any person who shall have been expelled, suspended, or disciplined by his club. Such person shall, within thirty days after the date of the expulsion, suspension, or discipline, file with the Secretary a written statement of his defense, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for an appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the appeal; and at the next meeting of the Board the club, by its duly authorized representative; and the appellant in person, by attorney or by written statement, shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be final and forever binding on both club and player.

SEC. 26. The Board shall have authority to impose any just fine or pecuniary penalty on a club, a manager or a player, if warranted by their findings and decisions, and they may impose the expenses of trials and hearings on one or both parties to the controversy. But such fine, penalty and expenses may be remitted by a three-fourths vote of the League upon appeal duly made and heard at an annual or special meeting.

INDIVIDUAL CLUB CONTROL.

SEC. 27. Each club shall have the right to regulate its own affairs; to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, suspend or expel its own manager, players or other employees, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination; but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests, and not in conflict with any provision of this Constitution; or the Playing Rules of this League.

PUNISHMENT OF SCANDALOUS CONDUCT.

SEC. 28. The President of the League shall have power, upon proper proof, to suspend for a definite period and to impose a fine not exceeding \$200 upon any League manager or player guilty, in public, of gross misbehavior, including intoxication, fighting, quarreling, indecency, or other scandalous conduct, whether on or off the playing field, during the season, where the same is, in his opinion, calculated to bring disrepute upon the National League or National Game. Such fine can only be remitted by the Board of Directors after a hearing upon appeal duly prosecuted.

CLUB TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

SEC. 29. Every club of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city, to the extent of five miles in every direction from its corporate limits; and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances, be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located, without the consent of the local League club.

ON RESERVATION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 30. Each club a member of this League shall be entitled to the right of reservation. On or before the 30th day of September in each year each club shall transmit to the Secretary a reserve list of the players, not exceeding eighteen, whose services it desires to retain for the ensuing season, and who are then under contract to the said club for the current or for any succeeding season or seasons; and in addition thereto the names of such players reserved in any prior annual list who have refused to contract with said club. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with, namely; players who

have been secured by purchase or draft under the National Agreement for future services shall be ineligible to contract with any other club in this League except as hereinafter provided. No club *shall have the right to reserve any player when in arrears of salary to him.* The Secretary shall promulgate such lists.

NEGOTIATING FOR SERVICES.

SEC. 31. No player, without the consent of the club with which he is under contract or reservation, shall enter into negotiations with any other club for future services.

CONTRACTS.

SEC. 32. Contracts made between a club and its players may be either by telegram or writing, to be followed within thirty days thereafter by a contract in the form approved and promulgated by the Secretary to all the clubs of the League.

SEC. 33. The League shall adopt such form of contract as it may deem best for the protection of the rights of the parties thereto. All contracts must be approved by the Secretary, and duly promulgated by him. The ten days' release, provided for in the seventeenth paragraph of the League form of contract, shall begin to run from the time of notice thereof received by the Secretary of the League, who shall, at once, promulgate the same to all club members. At the expiration of said ten days the player, so released, shall be eligible to contract with the releasing club, or any other club member.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF PLAYERS.

SEC. 34. Any player, while under contract with, or reservation by, a League club, who shall, without the consent of such club, enter the service of any other club in any capacity, shall be liable to expulsion by said League club. Whenever a club releases a manager or player without notice, or gives him ten days' notice of release in accordance with the terms of his contract, or suspends or expels a manager or player, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of this League, stating, in case of release, the date when the same takes effect, and in case of suspension or expulsion, the cause thereof.

SEC. 35. No manager or player, who has been suspended or expelled from a League club, shall at any time thereafter be allowed to play with, or serve in any capacity, any

League club (either the one expelling him, or any other) unless the term of suspension by the club has expired, or, upon his appeal to this League, such expulsion or suspension shall have been set aside.

EFFECT OF CLUB DISBANDMENT.

SEC. 36. The disbandment of a League club, or its withdrawal from or loss of League membership, shall operate as a release of its players from contract and reservation with said club, but the right to contract with and reserve said players shall be subject to transfer to such other club as the League may designate after acceptance of their said services.

PLAYING WITH OUTSIDE CLUBS.

SEC. 37. No game of base ball shall be played between a League club and any other club that has been expelled from membership in this League. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled, or under suspension from the League, or otherwise rendered ineligible by this League or a club member thereof.

"CROOKEDNESS" AND ITS PENALTIES.

SEC. 38. Any person who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to cause any game of ball to result otherwise than on its merits under the Playing Rules, shall be forever disqualified by the President of the League from acting as umpire, manager, player or in any other capacity in any game of ball participated in by a League club, unless such disqualification shall be removed by a three-fourths vote of the League.

UMPIRES.

SEC. 39. A staff of League Umpires shall be selected by the Secretary before the opening of the regular season.

I. Each application shall set forth, under oath, the age, residence, sobriety, experience, and such other qualifications of the applicant as may be prescribed on forms prepared by the Secretary, endorsed by well known gentlemen intimately acquainted with the applicant.

Independent of such endorsements, however, the Secretary shall make inquiries and post himself, as far as practicable, as to the merits and qualifications of each applicant.

II. They shall be paid such salaries and allowed such expenses as may be mutually agreed upon by contract be-

tween them and the Secretary of the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.

But at least ten per cent. of current salaries shall be withheld by the Secretary until the termination of his contract for that season to secure such deductions for absences and the payment of such fines as may be lawfully imposed.

III. In the event of the failure of an Umpire to umpire a game assigned to him it shall be the duty of the Secretary to provide a substitute to umpire such game; and in such case there shall be deducted from the next annual payment to the Umpire the sum of twelve dollars for each game assigned to him, which for any reason he shall have failed to umpire.

IV. It shall be the duty of each League club to accept as Umpire for any championship game such Umpire or substitute as the Secretary shall assign to such game. In the event of the non-appearance of the League Umpire or substitute at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game each Club Captain shall then select one of the substitute players of the opposing club, and the two players thus selected shall be the duly authorized Umpires for that game.

V. It shall be the duty of Umpires to enforce the rules as they are written, regardless of personal opinion as to their merits, subject to the Secretary's instructions as to their proper interpretation. They shall familiarize themselves with these sections of the Constitution; obey all orders of the Secretary, assigning their services and wear such uniform on the Playing Field as he may designate.

SUPERVISOR OF UMPIRES.

SEC. 40. A Supervisor of Umpires may be chosen by the League at an annual or special meeting to serve for one year unless sooner removed by the League or the Board of Directors for incompetency, malfeasance in office, or other just cause. His compensation shall be fixed by the League prior to his acceptance of the office.

I. He shall supervise and inspect the work and conduct of the Umpires and report frequently to the Secretary as to their efficiency and fidelity.

II. All complaints against Umpires shall be referred to him for investigation. Complaints as to errors of judgment on questions of play will ordinarily require little consideration, but if repeatedly made and from various sources

against the same Umpire so as to indicate incompetency, then the Supervisor shall proceed to collect all available evidence on the subject and verify it, if possible by his own personal observation, and report the facts and his views thereon, to the Secretary, who may suspend or remove such Umpire and substitute the next in order on the Waiting List. If a complaint be for error of interpretation of the Playing Rules the evidence shall be collected, the alleged offender furnished with a copy thereof, which with his statement in reply, together with the Supervisor's views thereon, shall be submitted to the Secretary for such action as he may deem fit and appropriate.

If the complaint be for a wilful violation of this Constitution or of the Playing Rules, or for neglect or refusal to enforce any of said rules, or for any improper or ungentlemanly language or conduct while officiating as an Umpire, then, after collecting all the evidence by affidavits, or otherwise, he shall make a personal investigation of the truth of the complaint in the city where it originated, and elsewhere if necessary, giving both sides a hearing and reporting his finding to the Secretary.

If such finding sustain the complaint, the Secretary shall inflict a penalty of at least Fifty Dollars upon the offender, and may also suspend or remove him, as the aggravation of the offense justifies, and substitute in his place the next in order on the Waiting List.

III. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor to include in his Reports all testimony affecting the language, conduct and behavior of players in violation of this Constitution and the legislation in pursuance thereof or of the Playing Rules, copies of which testimony shall be at once forwarded to such players and also referred to the proper tribunals for appropriate action thereon under existing Rules.

PLAYING RULES.

SEC. 41. This League shall adopt such playing rules as it deems best for the conduct of its business.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 42. The championship of the United States, established by this League, shall be contended for yearly by the clubs composing the League.

SEC. 43. The championship season shall extend from such date in April or May to such date in September or October as the League may determine at its stated or special meeting.

SEC. 44. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series between such clubs shall be a game for the championship, and no League club shall lend or exchange players to or with each other for any game played during the championship season. Any violation of this section shall subject each offender to a fine of \$100.

SEC. 45. Each club shall play twelve or more championship games with every other club; but a tie or draw game or a game prevented by rain or other causes shall be played off on the same ground on the next or a succeeding date of the same or subsequent series, whether open or scheduled for another game between the same clubs, thus compelling double games for said scheduled date. If, however, both series shall have terminated, such postponed game must be played off on the ground of the other club on a date open or scheduled during a subsequent series between the same clubs.

SEC. 46. Each club shall have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its grounds, except as otherwise provided in Section 45; and in all the details of such games, that do not involve the rights of the visiting club under the playing rules, but relate solely to such games as attractive exhibitions to the patrons of the home club, the visiting club shall defer to the wishes of the home club; provided, nevertheless, that the home club shall not be permitted to change the usual hour for the commencement of scheduled games in its particular city more than thirty (30) minutes without first having obtained the consent of the visiting club thereto, under a penalty to the visiting club of \$500. The visiting club shall furnish to a person designated by the home club the batting order of its nine by 10 o'clock on the morning of the day of each game, or the evening previous, if requested. In case of the failure of any visiting club to furnish the batting order of its nine as herein stipulated, it shall forfeit the sum of \$10, which amount shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the League, upon the receipt of notice from him of the infliction of such fine, which notice shall be given by the Secretary upon receipt of complaint from the home club.

It shall be the duty of the home club to furnish the manager and captain of the visiting club with a list of the batting order before the commencement of the game under

similar penalties for default as herein prescribed. The visiting club shall have the right to practise its nine on the grounds of the home club between 11 and 12 o'clock A. M. on each day of its visit during the championship season.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE.

SEC. 47. All championship games shall be arranged in a written schedule prepared by the Schedule Committee, and reported to and adopted by the League by a three-fourths vote before the beginning of the championship season. The schedule shall provide for an equal number of return games, and shall specify the date of each game and the date of each series of games. No date in said schedule shall subsequently be changed, except (1) by written agreement of two clubs from a date fixed by the schedule for a game between such clubs to an open date on the same grounds; or (2) as provided in Section 45; or (3) by the written consent of three-fourths of all the League clubs.

Any club or clubs violating this section shall be amenable to a penalty of \$1,000. Said penalty to be paid within forty-eight hours to the Treasurer of the National League and American Association, or if not so paid to be withheld from any funds to their credit in the hands of the Treasurer. All games played in violation of this section shall not count in the championship series.

THE ADMISSION FEES AND RECEIPTS.

SEC. 48. The general admission fee to all championship games shall be fifty (50) cents, but each club shall designate a part of its grounds, and provide seats thereon, the admission fee to which shall be twenty-five (25) cents, and all division of percentages shall be made on the basis of fifty (50) cents, except as to that part of the grounds the admission fee to which is fixed at twenty-five (25) cents, and as to such part of said grounds all divisions of percentage shall be on the basis of twenty-five cents.

At the conclusion of each championship game the home club shall deliver to the manager of the visiting club (and shall transmit by mail to the President or other designated official of the visiting club a duplicate of the same) a statement of the receipts of said game, which must include all fifty-cent and twenty-five cent admissions, and shall pay to the visiting club fifty per centum of said receipts.

SEC. 49. Out of the funds of this League now in the hands of the Secretary he shall create a Sinking Fund not to exceed \$12,000, which shall be invested in Government bonds.

All other funds shall be placed in the treasury to meet current expenses.

THE TURNSTILE COUNT.

SEC. 50. The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the arms of which shall extend within four inches of a dividing partition, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game; and said agent of the visiting club shall have full access to such turnstile, and the box of such turnstile shall not be removed until after the close of the seventh innings, and in case a carriage gate is used a ticket for each person admitted through such gate shall at once be delivered to the agent of the visiting club. No person shall be admitted free to the grounds during or prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, the Umpires and the necessary employes of the home club, and representatives of newspapers published in some other city in which a League club is located; such representative to be identified by holding a ticket signed by the President of the League and countersigned by the President of the club located in the city where the paper represented is published. The visiting club shall have the right to accept the turnstile count for each and all games, or to count all tickets. Each club shall be required to use for its business substantial pasteboard tickets, which can be readily counted.

GROUND ENTRANCES.

SEC. 51. No club shall be allowed to have more than four entrances to its grounds except upon holidays, but for all such days the visiting club shall be given at least ten days' notice of the whole number and location of additional entrances; provided, however, emergency gates may be opened by consent of the visiting club if occasion requires.

STOPPING PLAY TO CATCH TRAINS.

SEC. 52. On any day when either club is required to leave a city to, or in order to reach another city in time, where it is scheduled to play its next game, the home club shall be compelled upon proper notice by the visiting club to begin the game three hours and a half before the time of the departure of the last train by means of which either club can reach the next scheduled point in time. And either club may leave the field at any time within one hour of said

train time without forfeiting any rights or privileges, provided five innings on each side have been played, and the Umpire shall be the sole judge of the time.

GIVING OUT ADMISSION CHECKS.

SEC. 53. In the event of a game being stopped by rain or declared forfeited before completion of five innings, the home club may issue admission checks good for the next succeeding game. If such checks are so issued the visiting club shall not be entitled to its percentage of receipts; but if such checks are not issued, the visiting club shall be entitled to its percentage of receipts, precisely as if the game had been fully played.

FORFEITED GAMES.

SEC. 54. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in case where the Umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any section of this Constitution or of any Playing Rule. In the event of a forfeiture for any reason, the forfeiting club shall incur such penalty not exceeding one thousand dollars as may be imposed by the Board of Directors after a hearing held within one week from the date of such game, and any damages suffered by the non-offending club shall be paid out of such penalty. In addition to the penalty above referred to, the *captain or manager*, or the person in charge of the offending team and responsible for the team leaving the field, *shall incur a penalty of one hundred dollars*, which shall be paid within five days to the Secretary of the League, said penalty not to be remitted under any circumstances. In case such penalties are not paid within ten days after being imposed, the club and player cannot participate in a championship game.

DRAWN GAMES

SEC. 55. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series as games (but any game of not less than five innings shall be included in the averages), but must be played off, if possible, as provided in Section 45. If they cannot be played off, as therein provided, they may subsequently be played off, if sufficient time exists before the close of the season.

Double games for one admission shall not be permitted unless previously scheduled as such or rendered compulsory by the playing off of postponed games, as provided in Section 45.

WINNING THE PENNANT.

SEC. 56. The club which shall have won the greatest percentage of games in the championship series, shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same percentage of games, then the Board shall at once arrange a special series of three games between any two of such clubs, such games to be played at the close of the championship season, and the games so played shall be included in the championship record, and counted in determining the award of the championship. In such case only the provisions of this Constitution prohibiting the playing or recording as championship games, games played after the expiration of the championship season, shall have no effect. The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the National colors) to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won, and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing year.

DECIDING THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

SEC. 57. The championship shall be decided in the following manner:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the Playing Rules, together with the date, the place where played, the names of the clubs and Umpire, provided that no tie or drawn game shall be considered a game for any purpose except the averages; and provided, further, that in any case where the Secretary shall not receive the score of a championship game within five days after the playing of such game, the club whose duty it is to forward such score shall pay to the League the sum of \$2 as the penalty of such default.

At the close of the season the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statement so sent him, which statement shall be the sole evidence in the matter, and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing and report the same to the League at its annual meeting.

In making the award the Board shall consider:

- (1) The tabular statement of the Secretary.
- (2) Forfeited games.
- (3) Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded, or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall from the first game participated in during the championship series by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series. Provided, that if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 58. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year, at 2 o'clock p. m., and at such places as shall have been determined by a vote at the previous annual meeting.

SEC. 59. Special meetings may be called by the President of this League on his own option or on the written call of six clubs.

CLUB REPRESENTATION.

SEC. 60. At such meeting each club shall be represented and shall be entitled to two representatives, and to have in addition thereto any of its officers or ex-officers present at such meeting; but no club shall be permitted to send as a representative any person under contract or engagement as a ball player or manager, and belonging to the nine of said club in such capacity. They shall, if requested by any other club representative, present a certificate of their appointment duly attested by at least two officers of their club showing their authority to act, but no club shall have more than one vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SEC. 61. This League may, upon a majority vote of its members, elect to go into executive session for the transaction of its business, and during such session no club shall be entitled to more than two representatives.

QUORUM.

SEC. 62. A representation of a majority of clubs shall

constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained. When obtained it may be maintained by locking the doors of the meeting room, the appointment of door-keepers and such other procedures usual in parliamentary bodies to maintain quorums and dispatch business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 63. The following shall be the order of business, unless suspended by a three-fourths vote of the club members:

1. Reading Minutes of last meeting.
2. Report of Board of Directors.
3. Report of Committees.
4. Election of new members.
5. Amendment of Constitution.
6. Amendment of Playing Rules.
7. Election of Officers.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 64. (1) The Constitution of this League may be altered or amended by a *three-fourths vote of the League at any annual meeting*, or by a unanimous vote at any other time. Provided, however, that this section and Sections 3, 8, 48 and 49 shall not be altered or amended except by a unanimous vote of this League.

(2) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provision made non-applicable by *unanimous vote at a League meeting*.

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Of Professional Base Ball Associations Adopted by the National Board of Arbitration February 24, 1896.

NAME.

ARTICLE 1. This instrument shall be called "The National Agreement of Professional Base Ball Associations."

OBJECTS.

ARTICLE 2. The objects of this Agreement are:

1. To perpetuate base ball as the national game of America, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.

2. To promote and afford protection to such minor Professional Base Ball Leagues and Associations as may desire to operate under its provisions.

THE GOVERNING POWER.

ARTICLE 3. The governing power under this Agreement, which shall be called "The National Board of Arbitration," shall be vested in six representatives selected by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs (hereinafter designated the Major League), and such representatives from minor organizations of Professional Base Ball Clubs (hereinafter designated Minor Leagues) as may be admitted to membership by the National Board of Arbitration from time to time under the rules governing membership.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

ARTICLE 4. The annual meeting of the National Board shall be held on the second Tuesday in December of each year, at which time the representatives elected by the major League shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE NATIONAL BOARD.

ARTICLE 5.—1. The general enforcement of this Agreement, the protection of rights thereunder, the determination of all controversies as hereinafter provided and generally the regulation of all things within the scope of this Agreement are each and severally conferred upon and committed to the National Board of Arbitration.

2. The Board may adopt rules and regulations prescribing the duties of each and all of its members and officers, its methods of procedure and the general transaction of its business.

3. It shall be the duty of the Board and it shall have full and final jurisdiction:

To hear and determine all disputes and complaints between associations and clubs; between one club and another, members of the same or of different associations; between clubs and players or managers, and, in addition thereto, all disputes and complaints arising under and of all matters involving the interpretation of the National Agreement or the disposition of the rights thereunder, and may hold special meetings for these purposes when required. The Board shall have power also to pass upon any question

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brought before it by a club member or members of any organization, where unjust discrimination has been made against any club or clubs, and, if upon a hearing, the Board finds that such charge or charges are true, it shall have the power to impose such fines or penalties as it deems proper, or to forfeit and terminate the privileges of such organization under this agreement.

POWER TO IMPOSE FINES.

4. In the performance of its duties the Board shall have power to impose fines or penalties upon associations, clubs, club officers, players, managers, scorers and umpires, and to suspend any such organization or person from the protection and privileges of the National Agreement in any instance in which, in its opinion, it or he shall have been guilty of conduct detrimental to the general welfare of the game or in violation of the letter or spirit of the National Agreement.

DECISION FINAL.

5. Its decision shall be final over any and all matters within its jurisdiction.

REINSTATEMENTS.

6. It may reinstate any person or body suspend

ASSESSMENTS.

7. It shall have power to make such reasonable assessments upon clubs or associations as may be necessary to defray the expenses incidental to the performance of its duties and the enforcement of this Agreement.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

8. It may make all orders, rules and regulations for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its power, and to accomplish the purpose in view, may amend and supplement the same from time to time; provided, notice of all changes, amendments or supplements be given to all organizations party to this agreement.

DECISIONS PROMULGATED,

9. It may cause its proceedings or rulings, or any part thereof, in any case which may be deemed of sufficient importance to serve as a precedent, to be published in such a manner as may be prescribed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

10. Whenever any body or persons shall desire to submit any matter for the consideration of the board, it shall be presented within thirty days of the occurrence of the act, or of the maturity of the claim to the chairman by a concise statement thereof, and accompanied by such evidence as may be in support of such statement. Notice shall be given to any other body or person interested in the matter to make answer and to present appropriate evidence in support thereof. If such answer is not received by the President within fifteen days of said notice, judgment by default may be rendered.

MINOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 6. An application for membership and protection under this Agreement must be made in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board. If made by telegraph it must state the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit and have the signature of the President of the League, which must be followed within ten days by a written application to the Sec-

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Secretary of the Board stating the name of the League, the cities comprising the circuit, the representatives of the respective cities, the location of their business offices and playing grounds, if practical, the monthly salary limit for its club teams and maximum monthly salary limit of its players, a pledge or agreement for the maintenance of said salary limit and the faithful performance of its obligations under this Agreement, its own Constitution and By-Laws and its other contractual obligations, which club membership, location of club offices and playing grounds, salary limit, Constitution, Agreements, By-Laws and pledges, shall not, after approval by the Board, be changed, modified, altered or released without the assent of the Board.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 7. The Board, upon the receipt of an application for protection and membership under this Agreement, shall, after consideration and approval, determine the class under which the applicant shall be admitted, the said classification to be based upon the average population of the cities composing the League according to the last published U. S. Census preceding the application, and membership fee shall be an amount fixed by the Board for Leagues of that class.

MINOR LEAGUE REPRESENTATION.

ARTICLE 8. Each Minor League shall be entitled to one representative of its own selection, who shall have the right to appear before the Board upon any or all matters pertaining to its interest or welfare, but the Board may, at its discretion, invite additional representation in the adjustment of any matter which may be brought before it.

FEE FOR PROTECTION AND MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 9. The fee for membership and protection under this Agreement, with the right of reservation subject to Articles 10 and 11 shall be:

For each Club in Class A the sum of \$100.
For each Club in Class B the sum of \$50.
For each Club in Class C the sum of \$40.
For each Club in Class D the sum of \$30.
For each Club in Class E the sum of \$20.
For each Club in Class F the sum of \$10.

Such payments to be made within thirty days from the date of filing the written application for membership.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS BY THE MAJOR LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 10. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession, the Major League may, at any time after the first of October of each year, and prior to the first of January following, with the consent of the Board, negotiate with any player then under contract or reservation to a minor league under this Agreement, and shall have the right to select such player, upon payment to the Secretary of the Board the sum specified in Article 12, provided that no such selection shall be enforced and no transfer of a player shall be made without his consent.

Provided further that such selection shall not apply to a player in Class "A" League until his name shall have appeared twice on the Reserve list of said League.

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ARTICLE 11. For the purpose of enabling players to advance in their profession and to assist in building up clubs of minor leagues, a club of a higher class shall have the right, with the consent of the Board, after January 1 of each year, and prior to the first of February following, to select players from a league in a lower class upon payment to the Secretary of the Board the sum specified in Article 12, provided that no such selection shall be enforced, and no transfer of a player shall be made without his consent.

TERMS FOR SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 12—SEC. 1. Clubs from a high class selecting players from leagues of a lower class shall pay to the Secretary of the Board for the benefit and account of the club from which the selection is made the following sums, viz.:

- For Players in Class A, \$1,000.
- For Players in Class B, \$300.
- For Players in Class C, \$200.
- For Players in Class D, \$100.
- For Players in Class E, \$75.
- For Players in Class F, \$50.

SEC. 2. Payments must be made at the time of selection, and unless such payment be withdrawn and the selection cancelled by the selecting club within thirty days from the date of selection, the Secretary of the Board shall remit to the club the amount received by him on account of such selection.

SEC. 3. Any club entitled to make selection of a player and desiring to do so, shall notify the Secretary of the Board stating the name of the player and of the club with which he is under contract and reservation and enclosing amount specified in Section 1, Article 12, to be paid for such release. The Secretary shall thereupon notify the club or league from which such selection is to be made and shall order his transfer to the selecting club whenever the terms and conditions imposed in Articles 10 and 11 of this Agreement are complied with. Notice of such selection and transfer shall thereupon be promulgated.

ASSIGNMENT OF UNDEVELOPED PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 13. For the purpose of retaining control of undeveloped but promising players whose releases have been purchased, all Leagues, parties to this Agreement, may, prior to the opening of its championship season, assign its surplus players with their written consent to a club member of any other League party to this Agreement, upon mutual agreement between the clubs interested; providing no other club member of the League from which the assignment is to be made desires such player at the drafting price of the League with which he played last prior to becoming a National League player. Notice of such transfers and assignments and the conditions governing must be filed with the Secretary of the Board, and the salary of the player must not be less than the salary limit adopted by the league to which he has been assigned.

ART. 14. Any club member of the major league may at any time between April 1 and October 1 negotiate with a club member of a minor league

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party to this Agreement, for the release of a player with his written consent from minor to major league, to take effect after October 1 of the same year, or for an immediate release if the Constitution of such minor league permits, and such release shall at once be filed with and promulgated by the Secretary of the Board and become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer.

ARTICLE 15. Any club member of a minor league, party to this Agreement may at any time during its championship season negotiate for the immediate release of a player with his written consent from a club member of another league where the league constitution of the releasing club permits, and such release, if secured, shall, when filed with the Secretary of the Board, become binding upon both clubs party to the transfer, providing the salary of the player so transferred during the championship season shall not be reduced during the balance of the season unless he be given an unconditional release.

CONTRACTS

ARTICLE 16. Contracts between clubs and players shall be in writing in the form approved by the Board. An informal contract, whether evidenced by telegram or other writing, shall be valid for a period not exceeding thirty days, but a formal contract must be tendered by the contracting club to the contracting player within said thirty days. The failure of the club to so tender such formal contract will release the player from all contractual obligations thereunder, and the refusal of the player to execute such formal contract, when so tendered, shall extend the validity of his informal contract until he shall execute said formal contract.

UNLAWFUL CONTRACTS.

ARTICLE 17. No club shall enter into negotiations or contract with a player under contract to another club without the latter's consent, under such fines and penalties as the Board may inflict.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 18. Applications for membership by minor leagues desiring protection under this Agreement must be made each year to the Secretary of the Board, as provided in Article 6.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE 19. All rights under this Agreement shall terminate on the first day of October unless renewed between the fifteenth and twenty-fifth of September of each year, according to Article 18.

NEW LEAGUES.

ARTICLE 20. Newly organized leagues may ask for and be admitted to membership at any time, but such membership shall terminate on the first of October following unless renewed according to Article 19.

RESERVATION.

ARTICLE 21. On or before the twenty-fifth day of September in each year, and prior to the expiration of their players' contracts, the secretaries of minor leagues, parties hereto, entitled to the privilege of reservation, shall transmit to the Secretary of the Board a reserve list of players, not exceeding fourteen in number, then under contract with each of its several club members for the current season, and in addition thereto a list of such players reserved in any prior annual reserve list who have refused to contract with such clubs and of all ineligible players. Such players, together with all others thereafter to be regularly contracted with by such clubs (namely,

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whose releases have been secured by purchase or draft under this agreement for future services), are and shall be ineligible to contract with any other club of any League during the period of time between the termination of their contracts and the beginning of the next season. The Secretary of said Board shall thereupon promulgate such lists, provided that no club shall be permitted to reserve any player while in arrears of salary to him.

RELEASE FROM RESERVATION.

ARTICLE 22. The Board may also release from contract or reservation any player or manager when the club with which he has contracted, or by which he has been reserved, shall be in arrears to him for salary for more than fifteen days after such salary became due, or when the reserving club has failed to tender to any player, on or before the first day of March, after such reservation, a formal contract, with a salary of at least such an amount per month as the Board may fix as the minimum salary to be paid to such player, or when any such reserving club has transferred its membership after the close of the championship season to a different league, if the Board shall deem that the player will be prejudiced by such transfer.

INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 23—SEC. 1. Any club member of any Minor league or association, a party to or identified with the National Agreement, that shall enter into any negotiation to become a member of or in any way co-operate with any organization of professional base ball clubs whose existence will in any manner conflict with the letter and spirit of this Agreement or the interests of any of the clubs operating under it, shall forthwith forfeit all rights and privileges conferred by this Agreement, said forfeiture to include its membership in any association a party to this Agreement, and all rights of reservation to players reserved during the current or any preceding season. The penalty herein imposed shall be positive and final and shall not be revoked unless by the unanimous consent of the Board or upon appeal by a three-fourths vote of the Major league.

SEC. 2. Any officer, manager or player who shall enter into any such negotiations as referred to in Section 1 of Article 23, or who shall agree or contract to play with any club a member of such organization shall be declared ineligible and subject to all the disabilities referred to in the preceding section.

DISQUALIFIED PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 24. When a player or manager under contract or reservation by any club of an association party hereto shall be expelled, suspended or rendered ineligible in accordance with the provisions of this agreement or the rules of such association, notice of such disqualifications shall be given to the Board by the secretary of the association from whose club the player may have been thus disqualified, and the Board shall forthwith give notice of such disqualification to the several leagues acting under this Agreement. When a player shall become ineligible under the provisions of this Agreement, or by order of the Board, the Secretary of the Board shall notify the several clubs acting under this Agreement of such disqualification. From the receipt of any such notice all club members of associations acting under this Agreement shall be debarred from employing or playing with or against

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such disqualified player until the period of disqualification shall have terminated or the disqualification be revoked by the association from which such player was disqualified or by the Board, and due notice of such revocation shall be given by the Board to the said several clubs.

SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 25. Any player who has entered into a contract with any club of an association party hereto may be suspended without pay or fined by such club or association for breach of contract or breach of any of the rules of such club or association, and he shall thereafter be ineligible to sign or play during the remainder of the current season with any of the clubs of any association acting hereunder, unless such disability shall have been sooner removed by the club or association by which he was suspended or by the Board.

ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE.

ARTICLE 26. Upon the release of a player from contract or reservation with any club member of an association then acting under this Agreement (unless the release be made by "selection" under Article 10 or 11), the services of such player shall at once be subject to acceptance by any club belonging to the same association, expressed in writing or by telegraph to the Secretary of the Board, for a period of ten days after notice of said release; and, thereafter, if said services be not so accepted, said player may negotiate and contract with any club. The releasing club shall send notice to the Secretary of the Board of said player's release on the date thereof, and the latter shall promulgate any acceptance of his services. Provided that the disbandment of a club or its expulsion from membership in either association acting hereunder shall operate as a release of all of its players from contract with or reservation by said club. But the services of such players shall at once be subject to the acceptance of such association for a period of ten days for the purpose of supplying the vacancy in its membership.

CONTROL AND DISCIPLINE.

ARTICLE 27. Each association shall have the right to make and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the control, discipline and compensation of all players under contract with its club members. And it may prescribe that all contracts with its players shall be made directly with said association, assignable to its club members, with the right of reservation to be exclusively exercised by said association, in which event all the provisions of this Agreement applying to contracts or reservation of players with and by club members, shall apply to such contracts and reservation of players with and by said association; provided that such rules and regulations shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this Agreement, or any rule, regulation or order of the Board.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS.

ARTICLE 28. Each minor league whose application for membership under this Agreement has been accepted by the Board shall have exclusive control of its own territory until the termination of its membership, and no club from any other league party to this Agreement shall be allowed to play a

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game in any city of its circuit without the consent of the club representing such city, nor shall any club member of a minor league party hereto be allowed to play a game within five miles of any city in which is located a club member of the major league without the consent of such club.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 29. No game shall be played between any club of any league acting hereunder, or any of its players under contract or reservation, with any club containing an ineligible player; nor with a club that has played with another club containing such ineligible player. A violation of this section shall subject each offender to fine, suspension or expulsion, in the discretion of the Board.

TRANSFER OF PLAYERS.

ARTICLE 30. Should a club of any association agree in writing or by telegraph with another club of an association, subject to the National Agreement, for the release of any player then under contract or reservation with or by it, in accordance with the rules governing, either party may file said agreement with the Secretary of the Board, and should any such club refuse to comply with its said agreement, the Board may require said agreement to be complied with, and may transfer the said player accordingly.

PAYMENTS OF SALARIES.

ARTICLE 31. Before any league shall be granted the privileges and protection of this Agreement, it shall enact laws or regulations debarring any of its clubs from entering into contract with any player while under arrears of salary to him, and from suspending or otherwise attempting to disqualify such player for refusing to contract while it is so in arrears, and shall also provide for the expulsion of any club for refusal to pay arrears of salary to a player when required by said league or by the Board.

FORFEITURE OF RIGHTS.

ARTICLE 32. All rights of any league hereunder shall be forfeited for failing to expel any of its club members that may play a game of ball except under the Playing Rules adopted by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

DEFINITION OF TERMS.

ARTICLE 33. The term "league or association" as herein used shall mean and comprise an organization of professional base ball clubs of not less than four clubs, whether known as a "league," "association," or by any other designation.

ARTICLE 34. This Agreement may be altered or amended at any time by the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs. It shall take effect and be in force from and after February 24, 1896, and all former Agreements are hereby revoked.

CLASSIFICATION OF LEAGUES TO BE GOVERNED BY THE AGGREGATE POPULATION OF THE CITIES REPRESENTED.

Class A.....	1,000,000	Class D.....	100,000 to 250,000
Class B.....	500,000 to 1,000,000	Class E.....	50,000 to 100,000
Class C.....	250,000 to 500,000	Class F—Up to.....	50,000

The Rules and Regulations of the National Board of Arbitration.

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the National Board of Arbitration, and are here given in order that they may be understood by all those interested. The same being adopted and to remain in force until repealed, altered, added to or amended.

THE PRESIDENT.

1. The duties of the President shall be as follows:

(a) To issue calls for meetings of the Board, and preside at such meetings; having all powers with reference thereto which are incident to a presiding officer.

(b) To rule upon and decide all incidental and routine matters presented for determination, with power to delegate this duty to the Secretary or any member of the Board.

(c) To supervise the performance of the duties imposed upon the other members of the Board.

(d) To see that each and all of the orders of this Board are complied with.

THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

2. The offices of the Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one and the same person, and the duties of such officer shall be as follows:

(a) To receive, receipt for and disburse all moneys payable to this Board, and to make all financial statements required by the provisions of the National Agreement.

(b) To keep the records of the proceedings of the Board, together with all the records required to be kept by the provisions of the National Agreement.

(c) To issue all notices required by the National Agreement to be issued.

(d) To give interpretation to the playing rules when requested so to do, pursuant to the provisions of the National Agreement.

(e) To receive all applications for membership under the National Agreement, and to see that the applicants pay their proper dues.

(f) To give notice of all fines and penalties imposed by the Board, and to see that the same are paid.

(g) To attend to such other matters as may be required of him by the Board, and to keep records of all the business and duties connected with the Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ELECTIONS.

The Chairman and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at some meeting after the first of January, and shall hold until their successors are elected and qualify.

OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Whenever any controversy or matter to be submitted to the Board of adjustment or decision shall be forwarded, together with all evidence and documents therewith connected, to the Secretary and Treasurer, he shall, after submitting the same to the Board, promulgate or publish the opinion, which must be prepared by the Chairman or such other member of the Board as he shall designate.

SELECTION OF PLAYERS.

Whenever any player shall be "selected" by more than one club, the Board will award him to the club which shall have first filed formal notice with the Secretary that it desires the services of said player. Such notice, however, must be accompanied by the deposit required by the provisions of the National Agreement, otherwise such notice will be of no effect and void. A player so awarded shall be ineligible to sign with any other club, and upon declining to abide by the decisions of the Board, may be included in the regular list of reserved players of the club selecting him, as per the provisions of Article 21 of the National Agreement.

ACCEPTED PLAYERS.

Whenever the services of any player released under the provisions of the National Agreement are accepted by any club or association, authorized so to do by the provisions of such agreement, notice thereof shall be at once given to the Secretary, who shall accordingly promulgate the fact.

PAYMENTS.

All expenses of the Board, including compensation to the Secretary and Treasurer, or to any other agent, officer or member of the Board for special work performed, telegraphing, postage and such other expenses as shall be allowed, must be paid by check of the Secretary and Treasurer and vouchers taken thereof, which vouchers shall be submitted at least once a year to the Board for examination and approval.

THE NATIONAL BOARD

OF

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1901

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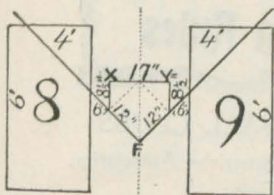
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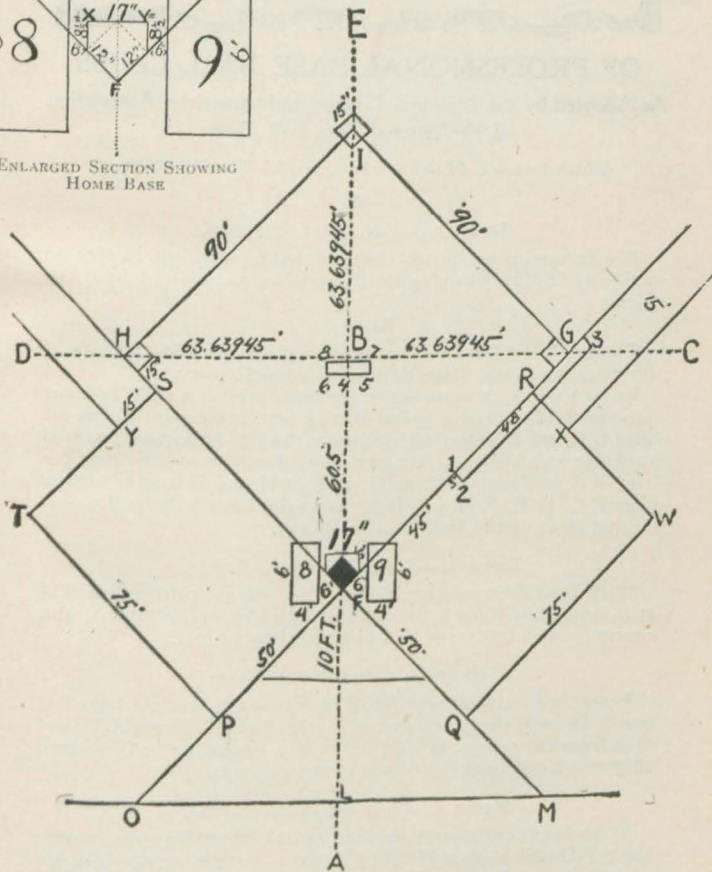
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CORRECT DIAGRAM OF A BALL FIELD

Season of 1901



ENLARGED SECTION SHOWING
HOME BASE



NOTE.—For Specifications See Rules From No. 2 to No. 12

The Official Playing Rules

OF PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS

As Adopted by the National League and American Association
of Professional Base Ball Clubs.

Alterations and additions to the rules are indicated by *Italics*.

RULE 1.—THE BALL GROUND.

The Ground must be an inclosed field, sufficient in size to enable each player to play in his position as required by these rules

RULE 2.

To lay off the lines governing the positions and the play of the game known as Base Ball, proceed as follows:

From a point, A, within the grounds, project a right line out into the field, and at a point, B, 154 feet from point A, lay off lines B C and B D at right angles to the line A B; then, with B as centre and 63.63945 feet as radius, describe arcs cutting the lines B A at F and B C at G, B D at H and B E at I. Draw lines F G, G E, E H and H F, and said lines will be the containing lines of the Diamond or Infield.

RULE 3.—THE CATCHER'S LINES.

With F as centre and 10 feet radius, an arc cutting line F A at L, and draw lines L M and L O at right angles to F A, and continue same out from F A not less than 10 feet.

RULE 4.—THE FOUL LINE.

From the intersection point, F, continue the straight lines F G and F H until they intersect with the lines L M and L O, and then from the points G and H in the opposite direction until they reach the boundary lines of the grounds.

RULE 5.—THE PLAYERS' LINES.

With F as centre and 50 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines F O and F M at P and Q; then, with F as centre again and 75 feet radius, describe arcs cutting F G and F H at R and S; then, from the points P, Q, R and S draw lines at right angles to the lines F O, F M, F G and F H, and continue same until they intersect at the points T and W.

RULE 6.—THE CAPTAIN AND COACHER'S LINE.

With R and S as centres and 15 feet radius, describe arcs cutting lines R W and S T at X and Y, and from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with lines F H and F G, and continue same out to the boundary lines of the ground.

RULE 7.—THE THREE FOOT LINE.

With F as centre and 45 feet radius, describe an arc cutting line F G at 1, and from 1 out to the distance of 3 feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and marked point 2; then from point 2, draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point 3 feet beyond the point G, and marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and intersecting with line F G, and from thence back along line G F to point 1.

RULE 8.—THE PITCHER'S PLATE.

With point F as centre and 60.5 feet as radius, describe an arc cutting the line F B at a point 4, and draw a line 5, 6, perpendicular thereto, passing through point 4 and extending 12 inches on either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a parallelogram 24 inches by 6 inches.

RULE 9.—THE BASES.

Within the angle F describe a five-sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines F G and F H to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line F B $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the points X and Y, a straight line between which—17 inches—will form the front of the plate, and within the angles G and H, describe squares the sides of which shall be 15 inches, the two outer sides of said square lying upon the lines F G and G I and F H and H I, and at the angle E describe a square whose sides shall be 15 inches and so described that its sides shall be parallel with G I and I H, and its centre immediately over the angular point E.

RULE 10.—THE BATSMAN'S LINE.

On either side of the line A F B describe two parallelograms 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked 8 and 9), their length being parallel with the line A F B, their distance apart being 6 inches added to each end of the length of the diagonal of the square within the angle F, and the centre of their length being upon said diagonal.

RULE 11.

The Home Base at F and the Pitcher's Plate at 4 must be of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface.

RULE 12.

The First Base at G, the Second Base at E, and the Third

Base at H must be of white canvas bags, filled with soft material and securely fastened in their positions described in Rule 9.

RULE 13.

The lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 must be marked with lime, chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the umpire.

NOTE.—For a simple way to lay off a ball field see page 167.

RULE 14.—THE BALL.*

SECTION 1. Must not weigh less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and it must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding League Ball, or the Reach American Association Ball, must be used in all games played under these rules.

SEC. 2. For each championship game two regulation balls shall be furnished by the home club to the umpire for use. When the ball in play is batted to foul ground and out of sight of the umpire, the other ball shall be immediately brought into play. As often as one of the two in use shall be lost a new one must be substituted, so that the umpire shall at all times after the game begins have two balls in his possession and ready for use. The moment an umpire delivers an alternate ball to the pitcher, it comes into play, and shall not be exchanged until it, in turn, passes out of sight to foul ground. At no time shall the ball be intentionally discolored by rubbing it with the soil or otherwise. In the event of a new ball being intentionally discolored, or otherwise injured by a player, the umpire shall, upon appeal from the captain of the opposite side, forthwith demand the return of that ball, and shall substitute another new ball and impose a fine of \$5.00 upon the offending player.

SEC. 3. In all games the balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and the last ball in play shall become the property of the winning club. Each ball to be used in championship games shall be examined, measured and weighed by the Secretary of the League, inclosed in a paper box, and sealed with the seal of the Secretary, which seal shall not be broken, except by the umpire, in the presence of the captains of the two contesting nines after play has been called.

The home club shall have, at least, a dozen regulation balls on the field ready for use on the call of the umpire during each championship game.

* The Spalding League Ball has been adopted by the National League for the past twenty-four years, and is used in all League contests.

For junior clubs (clubs composed of boys under 16 years of age) we recommend them to use the Spalding Boys' League Ball, and that games played by junior clubs with this ball will count as legal games the same as if played with the Official League Ball.

SEC. 4. Should the ball become cut or ripped so as to expose the interior, or in any way so injured as to be, in the opinion of the umpire, unfit for fair use, he shall, upon appeal by either captain, at once put the alternate ball into play and call for a new ball.

RULE 15.—THE BAT.

Must be entirely of hard wood, except that the handle may be wound with twine or a granulated substance supplied, not to exceed eighteen inches from the end.

It must be round, and it must not exceed two and three-quarter inches in diameter in the thickest part, nor exceed forty-two inches in length.

RULE 16.—THE PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS.

The players of each club in a game shall be nine in number, one of whom shall act as captain, and in no case shall less than nine men be allowed to play on each side.

RULE 17.

The players' positions shall be such as may be assigned them by their captain, except that the pitcher, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, must take his position as defined in Rules 8 and 29; and the catcher must stand within the lines of his position as defined in Rule 3, whenever the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat, *and within ten feet of the home base.*

RULE 18.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to occupy seats on the stands, or to stand among the spectators.

RULE 19.

SECTION 1. Every club shall adopt uniforms for its players, and the suits of each team shall conform in color and style. No player who shall attach anything to the sole or heel of his shoes other than the ordinary base ball shoe plate, or who shall appear in a uniform not conforming to the suits of the other members of his team, shall be permitted to take part in the game.

SEC. 2. The catcher and first baseman are permitted to wear a glove or mit of any size, shape or weight. All other players are restricted to the use of a glove or mit weighing not over ten ounces, and measuring in circumference, around the palm of the hand, not over fourteen inches.

RULE 20.—PLAYERS' BENCHES.

SECTION 1. The players' benches must be furnished by the home club and placed upon a portion of the ground not less than twenty-five (25) feet outside of the players' lines. One such bench shall be for the exclusive use of the visiting club, and

one for the exclusive use of the home club. The benches must be covered by a roof and closed at the back and each end; a space, however, not more than six (6) inches wide may be left just under the roof for ventilation. All players of the side at bat must be seated on their bench, except such as are legally assigned to coach base-runners, and also the batsman, except when called to the bat by the umpire, and under no circumstances shall the umpire permit any person, except managers and players in uniform to occupy seats on the benches.

SEC. 2. To enforce this rule the captain of the other side may call the attention of the umpire to a violation, whereupon the umpire shall immediately order such player or players to be seated. If the order is not obeyed within one minute the offending player or players shall be fined \$5.00 each by the umpire. If the order is not then obeyed within one minute, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall be obliged to leave the playing field forthwith.

RULE 21.—THE GAME.

SECTION 1. Every championship game must be commenced not later than two hours before sunset.

SEC. 2. A game shall consist of nine innings to each contesting nine, except that

(a.) If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other side has scored in eight innings, the game shall then terminate.

(b.) If the side last at bat in the ninth innings scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

RULE 22.—A TIE GAME.

If the score be a tie at the end of the nine innings, play shall be continued until one side has scored more runs than the other in an equal number of innings, provided, that the side last at the bat scores the winning run before the third man is out, the game shall terminate.

RULE 23.—A DRAWN GAME.

A drawn game shall be declared by the umpire when he terminates a game on account of darkness or rain, after five equal innings have been played, if the score at the time is equal on the last even innings played; except when the side that went second to bat is then at the bat, and has scored the same number of runs as the other side, in which case the umpire shall declare the game drawn without regard to the score of the last equal innings.

RULE 24.—A CALLED GAME.

If the umpire calls "Game" on account of darkness or rain at any time after five innings have been completed, the score shall be that of the last equal innings played, but if the side second at bat shall have scored in an unequal number of innings, or before the completion of its unfinished inning one or more runs than the side first at bat, the score of the game shall be the total number of runs made.

RULE 25.—A FORFEITED GAME.

A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire in favor of the club not in fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

SECTION 1. If the nine of a club fail to appear upon the field, or being upon the field, fail to begin the game within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing, or in commencing the game, be unavoidable.

SEC. 2. If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

SEC. 3. If, after play has been suspended by the umpire, one side fails to resume playing within one minute after the umpire has called "Play."

SEC. 4. If a team resorts to dilatory movements to delay the game.

SEC. 5. If, in the opinion of the umpire, any one of the rules of the game is wilfully violated.

SEC. 6. If, after ordering the removal of a player, as authorized by Rules 20, 53 and 59, said order is not obeyed within one minute.

SEC. 7. If, because of removal of players from the game by the umpire, there be less than nine players in either team.

SEC. 8. If, when two games are scheduled to be played on the same afternoon, the second game is not commenced within ten minutes of the time of completion of the first game. The umpire of the first game shall be the timekeeper.

SEC. 9. In case the umpire declares the game forfeited, he shall transmit a written notice thereof to the president of the League within twenty-four hours thereafter. However, a failure on the part of the umpire to so notify the president shall not affect his decision declaring the game forfeited.

RULE 26.—NO GAME.

"No game" shall be declared by the umpire if he shall terminate play on account of rain or darkness before five innings on each side are completed. Except in a case when the game is called, and the club second at bat shall have more runs at the

end of its fourth innings than the club first at bat has made in its five completed innings; in such case the umpire shall award the game to the club having made the greatest number of runs, and it shall be a legal game and be so counted in the championship record.

RULE 27.—SUBSTITUTES.

SECTION 1. In any championship game each side shall be required to have present on the field, in uniform, conforming to the suits worn by their team mates, a sufficient number of substitute players to carry out the provision which requires that not less than nine players shall occupy the field in any innings of a game.

SEC. 2. Any such player may be substituted at any time by either club, but a player thereby retired shall not thereafter participate in the game.

SEC. 3. The base-runner shall not have a substitute run for him except by the consent of the captains of the contesting teams.

RULE 28.—CHOICE OF INNINGS—CONDITION OF GROUND.

The choice of innings shall be given to the captain of the home club, who shall also be the sole judge of the fitness of the ground for beginning a game after rain, but, after play has been called by the umpire, he alone shall be the judge as to the fitness of the ground for resuming play after the game has been suspended on account of rain.

RULE 29.—THE PITCHER'S POSITION.

The pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman with both feet square on the ground, and in front of the pitcher's plate; but in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, one foot must be in contact with the pitcher's plate, defined in Rule 8. He shall not raise either foot, unless in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor make more than one step in such delivery.

RULE 30.—A FAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

A Fairly Delivered Ball to the bat is a ball pitched or thrown to the bat by the pitcher while standing in his position and facing the batsman, the ball so delivered to pass over any portion of the home base not lower than the batsman's knee nor higher than his shoulder.

RULE 31.—AN UNFAIRLY DELIVERED BALL.

An Unfairly Delivered Ball is a ball delivered by the pitcher, as in Rule 30, except that the ball does not pass over any portion of the home base, or does pass over the home base, above the batsman's shoulder or below the line of his knee, *in which case the umpire shall call one ball,*

RULE 32.—DELAYING THE GAME.

SECTION 1. *If the ball is thrown by the pitcher to any player other than the catcher (except to retire a base-runner) and the batsman is standing in his proper position ready to strike at a pitched ball, each ball so delivered shall be called a ball.*

SEC. 2. *The umpire shall call a ball on the pitcher each time he delays the game by failing to deliver the ball to the batsman when in position for a longer period than twenty seconds.*

RULE 33.—BALKING.

A Balk shall be :

SECTION 1. Any motion made by the pitcher to deliver the ball to the bat or to first base without delivering it.

SEC. 2. The throwing of the ball by the pitcher to any base to catch the base-runner without first stepping directly towards said base immediately before throwing the ball.

SEC. 3. Any delivery of the ball to the bat by the pitcher while his (pivot) foot is not in contact with the pitcher's plate, and he is not facing the batsman, as defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 4. Any motion in delivering the ball to the bat by the pitcher while not in the position defined in Rule 29.

SEC. 5. Standing in position and making any motion to pitch without having the ball in his possession.

SEC. 6. The making of any motion the pitcher habitually makes in his method of delivery, without his immediately delivering the ball to the bat.

SEC. 7. If the pitcher delivers the ball to the bat when the catcher is standing outside the lines of the catcher's position as defined in Rule 3.

If the pitcher fails to comply with the requirements of any section of this rule the umpire must call "A balk."

RULE 34.—DEAD BALLS.

A Dead Ball is a ball delivered to the bat by the pitcher that touches any part of the batsman's person or clothing while standing in his position without being struck at, or that touches any part of the umpire's person or clothing while he is standing on foul ground without first passing the catcher.

RULE 35.

In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught out, dead ball, or base-runner put out for being struck by a fair-hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is held by the pitcher standing in his position, and the umpire shall have called play.

RULE 36.—BLOCK BALLS.

SECTION 1. A Block is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

SEC. 2. Whenever a block occurs the umpire shall declare it, and the base-runners may run the bases without being put out until the ball has been returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his position.

SEC. 3. In the case of a block, if the person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire should call "Time" and require each base-runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his position and the umpire shall have called "Play."

RULE 37.—THE BATSMAN'S POSITION—ORDER OF BATTING.

The batsmen must take their position within the batsman's lines, as defined in Rule 10, in the order in which they are named in the batting order, which batting order must be submitted by the captains of the opposing teams to the umpire before the game, and this batting order must be followed except in the case of a substitute player, in which case the substitute must take the place of the original player in the batting order. After the first inning the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his turn—time at bat—in the preceding inning.

RULE 38.

SECTION 1. When their side goes to the bat the players must immediately return to the players' bench, as defined in Rule 20, and remain there until the side is put out, except when called to the bat or they become coaches or substitute base-runners; provided, that the captain or one player only, except that if two or more base-runners are occupying the bases then the captain and one player, or two players, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captain's lines to coach base-runners.

SEC. 2. No player of the side "at bat," except when batsman, shall occupy any portion of the space within the catcher's lines, as defined in Rule 3. The triangular space behind the home base is reserved for the exclusive use of umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of, or passing between, the pitcher and catcher, while standing in their positions.

SEC. 3. The players of the side "at bat" must occupy the portion of the field allotted them, but must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it.

RULE 39.—THE BATTING RULES.

SECTION 1. A Fair Hit is a ball batted by the batsman—

while he is standing within the lines of his position—that first touches “fair” ground, or the person of a player, or the umpire, while standing on fair ground, and then settles on fair ground before passing the line of first or third base.

SEC. 2. A Foul Hit is a similarly batted ball that first touches “foul” ground, or the person of a player, or the umpire, while standing on “foul” ground.

SEC. 3. Should such “fair hit” ball bound or roll to foul ground, before passing the line of first or third base, and settle on foul ground, it shall be declared by the umpire a foul ball.

SEC. 4. Should such “foul hit” ball bound or roll to fair ground and settle there before passing the line of first or third base, it shall be declared by the umpire a fair ball.

RULE 40.

A foul tip is a ball batted by the batsman while standing within the lines of his position that goes foul sharp from the bat to the catcher's hands.

RULE 41.

A bunt hit is a ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman who, while standing within the lines of his position, makes a deliberate attempt to hit the ball so slowly within the infield that it cannot be fielded in time to retire the batsman. If such a “bunt hit” goes to foul ground a strike shall be called by the umpire.

RULE 42.—BALLS BATTED OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS.

When a batted ball passes outside the grounds, the umpire shall decide if Fair should it disappear within, or Foul should it disappear outside of the range of the foul lines, and Rule 39 is to be construed accordingly.

RULE 43.

A fair batted ball that goes over the fence shall entitle the batsman to a home run, except, that should it go over the fence at a less distance than two hundred and thirty-five (235) feet from the home base, when he shall be entitled to two bases only, and a distinctive line shall be marked on the fence at this point.

RULE 44.—STRIKES.

A strike is:

SECTION 1. A ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or,

SEC. 2. A fair ball legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the batsman.

SEC. 3. *A foul hit ball not caught on the fly, unless two strikes have already been called.*

SEC. 4. A "*bunt hit*" which sends the ball to foul ground either directly or by bounding or rolling from fair ground to foul ground and which settles on foul ground.

SEC. 5. A ball struck at, if the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

SEC. 6. A foul tip by the batsman, caught by the catcher while standing within the lines of his position.

RULE 45.

A Foul Strike is a ball batted by the batsman when any part of his person is upon ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.

RULE 46.—THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

The Batsman is out:

SECTION 1. If he fails to take his position at the bat in his order of batting, unless the error be discovered and the proper batsman takes his position before a time "at bat" is recorded, and, in such case, the balls and strikes called must be counted in the time "at bat" of the proper batsman, and only the proper batsman shall be declared out, and no runs shall be scored or bases run because of any act of the improper batsman, provided, this rule shall not take effect unless the out is declared before the ball is delivered to the succeeding batsman. Should batsman declared out by this rule be sufficient to retire the side, the proper batsman the next innings is the player who would have come to bat had the players been out by ordinary play.

SEC. 2. If he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

SEC. 3. If he makes a foul hit other than a foul tip, as defined in Rule 40, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touched by some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If he makes a foul strike.

SEC. 5. If he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding or throwing the ball by stepping outside the lines of the position, or otherwise obstructing or interfering with the player.

SEC. 6. If, while the first base be occupied by a base-runner, three strikes be called on him by the umpire, except when two men are already out.

SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touches any part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupying bases shall return as prescribed in Rule 50, section 5.

SEC. 8. If he hits a fly ball that can be handled by an infielder while first and second bases are occupied, or first, second and third *unless two hands are out*. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball is hit, declare infield or outfield hit.

SEC. 9. If the third strike is called in accordance with section 5, Rule 44.

SEC. 10. The moment a batsman is declared out by the umpire, he (the umpire) shall call for the batsman next in order to leave his seat on the bench and take his position at the bat, and such player of the batting side shall not leave his seat on the bench until so called to bat, except as provided by Rule 38, section 1, and Rule 53.

BASE-RUNNING RULES.

RULE 47.—WHEN THE BATSMAN BECOMES A BASE-RUNNER.

The Batsman becomes a Base-Runner :

SECTION 1. Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

SEC. 2. Instantly after four balls have been called by the umpire.

SEC. 3. Instantly after three strikes have been declared by the umpire.

SEC. 4. If, while he be a batsman, the catcher interferes with him, preventing him from striking the ball.

RULE 48.—BASES TO BE TOUCHED.

The base-runner must touch each base in regular order, viz., first, second, third and home bases, and when obliged to return (except on a foul hit) must retouch the base or bases in reverse order. He shall only be considered as holding a base after touching it, and shall then be entitled to hold such base until he has legally touched the next base in order or has been legally forced to vacate it for a succeeding base-runner. However, no base-runner shall score a run to count in the game until the base-runner preceding him in the batting list (provided there has been such a base-runner who has not been put out in that inning) shall have first touched home base without being put out.

RULE 49.—ENTITLED TO BASES.

The base-runner shall be entitled, without being put out, to take the base in the following cases :

SECTION 1. If, while he was batsman, the umpire called four balls.

SEC. 2. If the umpire awards a succeeding batsman a base on four balls, and the base-runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him.

SEC. 3. If the umpire calls a "Balk."

SEC. 4. If a ball, delivered by the pitcher, pass the catcher, and touch the umpire, or any fence or building within ninety feet of the home base.

SEC. 5. If, upon a fair hit, the ball strikes the person or clothing of the umpire on fair ground.

SEC. 6. If he be prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary, unless the latter be a fielder having the ball in his hand ready to meet the base-runner.

SEC. 7. If the fielder stop or catch a batted ball with his hat or any part of his uniform except his gloved hand.

RULE 50.—RETURNING TO BASES.

The base-runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

SECTION 1. If the umpire declares a foul tip (as defined in Rule 40), or any other foul hit not legally caught by a fielder.

SEC. 2. If the umpire declares a foul strike.

SEC. 3. If the umpire declares a dead ball, unless it be also the fourth unfair ball and he be thereby forced to take the next base, as provided in Rule 49, section 2.

SEC. 4. If the person or clothing of the umpire interferes with the catcher, or he is struck by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base-runner.

SEC. 5. The base-runner shall return to his base if, while attempting a strike, the ball touches any part of the batsman's person.

RULE 51.—WHEN BASE-RUNNERS ARE OUT.

The Base-Runner is Out:

SECTION 1. If, after three strikes have been declared against him while batsman, and the catcher fail to catch the third strike ball, he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball.

SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, or any object other than a fielder; PROVIDED, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap.

SEC. 3. If, when the umpire has declared three strikes on him while batsman, the third strike ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; PROVIDED, it be not caught in a fielder's hat or cap, or touch some object other than a fielder before being caught.

SEC. 4. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder before he shall have touched first base.

SEC. 5. If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before such base-runner touches first base.

SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he runs outside the three-foot lines, as defined in Rule 7, unless to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball.

SEC. 7. If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he runs more than

three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder ; but in case a fielder be occupying the base-runner's proper path in attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of the path, and behind said fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

SEC. 8. If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, in the manner described in sections 6 and 7 of this rule, or if he, in any way, obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball ; PROVIDED, that if two or more fielders attempt to field a batted ball, and the base-runner comes in contact with one or more of them, the umpire shall determine which fielder is entitled to the benefit of this rule, and shall not decide the base-runner out for coming in contact with any other fielder.

SEC. 9. If, at any time while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy ; PROVIDED, the ball be held by the fielder after touching him.

SEC. 10. The base-runner in running to first base may over-run said base, without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in over-running first base, he also attempts to run to second base, or after passing the base he turns to his left from the foul line, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 11. If, when a fair or foul hit ball (other than a foul tip as referred to in Rule 40) is legally caught by a fielder, such ball is legally held by a fielder on the base occupied by the base-runner when such ball was struck (or the base-runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder), before he retouches said base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught ; PROVIDED, that the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if, after the ball was legally caught as above, it be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base, or touches the base-runner with it ; but if the base-runner, in attempting to reach a base, detaches it before being touched or forced out, he shall be declared safe.

SEC. 12. If, when a batsman becomes a base-runner, the first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and third bases, be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a base shall cease to be entitled to hold it, until any following base-runner is put out, and may be put out at the next base, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first base at any time before any following base-runner is put out.

SEC. 13. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching the fielder, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless forced

by the batsman becoming a base-runner, and no run shall be scored or any other base-runner put out.

SEC. 14. If, when running to a base, or forced to return to a base, he fail to touch the intervening base, or bases, if any, in the order prescribed in Rule 48, he may be put out at the base he fails to touch, or being touched by the ball in the hands of the fielder in the same manner as in running to first base; PROVIDED, that the base-runner shall not be out in such case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the fielder holds it on said base or touches the base-runner with it.

SEC. 15. If, when the umpire calls "Play," after any suspension of a game, he fails to return to and touch the base he occupied when "Time" was called before touching the next base; PROVIDED, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder holds it on said base or touches the base-runner with it.

RULE 52.—WHEN BATSMAN OR BASE-RUNNER IS OUT.

The umpire shall declare the batsman or base-runner out, without waiting for an appeal for such decision, in all cases where such player is put out in accordance with these rules, except as provided in Rule 51, sections 10 and 14.

RULE 53.—COACHING RULES.

The Coacher shall be restricted to coaching the base-runner only, and shall not be allowed to address any remarks except to the base-runner, and then only in words of necessary direction; and shall not, by words or signs, incite or try to incite the spectators to demonstrations; and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite club, the umpire or the spectators, and not more than one coacher, who may be a player participating in the game, or any other player under contract to and in the uniform of either club, shall be allowed at any one time, except, that if base-runners are occupying two or more of the bases, then the captain and one player, or two players under contract to and in the uniform of either club, may occupy the space between the players' lines and the captains' lines to coach base-runners. To enforce the above the captain of the opposite side may call the attention of the umpire to the offence, and thereupon the umpire must order the illegal coacher or coachers to the bench; if his order is not obeyed within one minute, the umpire shall assess a fine of \$5.00 each against the offending player or players, and, upon a repetition of the offence, the offending player or players shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith.

RULE 54.—THE SCORING OF RUNS.

One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the home base before three men are put out. (Exception)—If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching first base, a run shall not be scored.

THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.**RULE 55.**

The umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a championship game, except by reason of personal illness or injury incapacitating him for the discharge of his duties.

RULE 56.

The umpire is the representative of the League, and as such shall have power to enforce every section of the code of playing rules of the game, and he shall have power to order any player, or captain, or manager, to do or omit to do, any action that he may deem necessary to give force and effect to the laws of the game.

RULE 57.

There shall be no appeal from any legal decision of the umpire.

RULE 58.

Under no circumstances shall any player be allowed to dispute a decision by the umpire, in which only an error of judgment is involved; and no decision rendered by him shall be reversed, except it be plainly shown by the code of rules to have been illegal; and in such case the captain alone shall be allowed to make the appeal for reversal.

RULE 59.

SECTION 1. In all cases of violation of these rules, by either a player or manager, the penalty for the first offence shall be a fine by the umpire of \$5.00, and for a second offence, a prompt removal of the offender from the game or grounds, followed by such period of suspension from actual service in the club as the president of the League may elect.

SEC. 2. The umpire shall, within twelve hours after fining or removing a player from the game, forward to the president a report of the action and the causes therefor.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon notification by the umpire that a fine has been imposed upon any manager, captain or player, the president shall notify the person so fined and also the club of which he is a member, and, in the event of the failure of the person so fined to pay to the secretary of the League the amount of said fine within five days of notice, he shall be de-

barred from participating in any championship game or from sitting on a player's bench during the progress of a championship game until such fine is paid.

SEC. 4. When the offence of the player debarred from the game is of such a flagrant nature, such as the use of obscene language or an assault upon a player or umpire, the umpire shall, within four hours thereafter, notify the president of the League, giving full particulars.

SEC. 5. He shall also notify both captains before the game, and in the presence of each other, that all the playing rules will be impartially enforced, and that their failing to co-operate in such enforcement, will result in their being fined and, perhaps, their removal from the game.

RULE 60.

Before the commencement of a game the umpire shall see that the rules governing all the materials of the game are strictly observed. He shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules]

RULE 61.

The umpire shall not only call "play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, but also announce "game called" at its legal conclusion.

RULE 62.

The umpire shall suspend play for the following causes: First, if rain is falling so heavily as to oblige the spectators on the open field and open stands to seek shelter, in which case he shall note the time of suspension; and should rain fall continuously for thirty minutes thereafter he shall terminate the game.

RULE 63.

The umpire shall suspend play in case of an accident to himself or to a player which incapacitates him or them from service in the field, or in order to remove from the grounds any player or spectator who has violated the rules.

RULE 64.

In suspending play from any legal cause, the umpire shall call "time;" when he calls "time" the play shall be suspended until he calls "play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored. "Time" shall not be called by the umpire until the ball is held by the pitcher standing in his position.

RULE 65.

The umpire shall call and count as a "ball" any unfair ball delivered by the pitcher to the batsman, but not before such ball has passed the line of the home base. He shall also call and count as a "strike" any fairly delivered ball which passes over any portion of the home base, and within the batsman's legal range, as defined in Rule 44, which is not struck at by the batsman, or a foul tip which is caught by the catcher, standing within the lines of his position, or which after being struck at and not hit, strikes the person of the batsman; or when the ball is purposely hit foul by the batsman, or when the ball is bunted foul by the batsman.

RULE 66.

No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of a game in addition to the players in uniform, the manager of each side and the umpire, except such officers of the law as may be present in uniform, and such officials of the home club as may be necessary to preserve the peace.

RULE 67.

No manager, captain or player shall address the spectators during the progress of a game, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE 68.

No manager, captain or player, during the progress of the game, shall use indecent or improper language directed to a spectator, umpire, manager, club official or a player. A violation of this Rule must be followed by the removal forthwith of the offender from the game and the grounds by the umpire on his own option, or upon the written accusation of the manager or other official of either contesting club. Said removal to be followed by written proofs submitted within twenty-four hours to the President of the League, who, if the evidence warrants, shall suspend the offending manager, captain or player from actual service for a definite period of time, subject to appeal to the Board of Directors.

RULE 69.

Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering a field during the progress of a game and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared. If the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled to the game, by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings has been played).

RULE 70.—GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

"Play" is the order of the umpire to begin the game, or to resume play after its suspension.

RULE 71.

"Time" is the order of the umpire to suspend play. Such extension must not extend beyond the day of the game.

RULE 72.

"Game" is the announcement by the umpire that the game is terminated.

RULE 73.

An "Inning" is the term at bat of the nine players representing a club in a game, and is completed when three of such players have been put out, as provided in these rules.

RULE 74.

A "Time at Bat" is the term at bat of a batsman. It begins when he takes his position and continues until he is put out or becomes a base-runner; except when, because of being hit by a pitched ball, or in case of an illegal delivery by the pitcher, or in case of a sacrifice hit purposely made to the infield which, not being a base-hit, advances a base-runner without resulting in a put-out, except to the batsman, as in Rule 46.

RULE 75.

"Legal" or "Legally" signifies as required by these rules.

SCORING.

RULE 76.

In order to promote uniformity in scoring championship games the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be hit by a pitched ball while standing in his position, and after trying to avoid being so hit, or in case of the pitcher's illegal delivery of the ball to the bat which gives the batsman his base, or when he intentionally hits the ball to the field, purposely to be put out, or if he is given first base on called balls.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first-base

hits made by each player. A base-hit should be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first base.

When the ball is hit with such force to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. (In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base-hit and exempt the fielder from the charge of an error.)

When a ball is hit so slowly towards a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

That in all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a base-hit.

When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, as defined in Rule 49, section 5. In no case shall a base-hit be scored when a base-runner has been forced out by the play.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be placed the sacrifice hits, which shall be credited to the batsman who, when no one is out or when but one man is out, advances a runner a base by a bunt hit, which results in putting out the batsman, or would so result if the ball were handled without error.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a batsman is given out by the umpire for a foul strike, or where the batsman fails to bat in proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In all cases of "out" for interference, running out of line, or infield fly dropped, the "out" should be credited to the player who would have made the play, but for the action of the base-runner or batsman.

SEC. 6. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a run out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting.

And generally an assist should be given to each player who handles or assists in any manner in handling the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly and in such a way that a put-out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

Assists should be credited to every player who handles the

ball in the play which results in a base-runner being called out for interference or for running out of line.

ERRORS.

SEC. 7. An error shall be given in the seventh column for each misplay which allows a striker or base-runner to make one or more bases when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," bases on the batsman being struck by a "pitched ball," or in case of illegal pitched balls, balks and passed balls, all of which comprise battery errors, shall not be included in said column. In scoring errors of batted balls see section 3 of this rule.

An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advances an extra base because of the error.

No error shall be scored against an infielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained.

STOLEN BASES.

A stolen base shall be credited to the base-runner whenever he reaches the base he attempts to steal unaided by a fielding or by a battery error or a hit by the batsman.

RULE 77.

The Summary shall contain :

SECTION I. The score made in each innings of the game.

SEC. 2. The number of bases stolen by each player.

SEC. 3. The number of two-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 4. The number of three-base hits made by each player.

SEC. 5. The number of home runs made by each player.

SEC. 6. The number of double and triple plays made by each side and the names of the players assisting in the same.

SEC. 7. The number of innings each pitcher pitched in.

SEC. 8. The number of base-hits made off each pitcher.

SEC. 9. The number of times the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsmen.

SEC. 10. The number of times the pitcher gives bases on balls.

SEC. 11. The number of wild pitches charged to the pitcher.

SEC. 12. The number of times the pitcher hits batsmen with pitched ball.

SEC. 13. The number of passed balls by each catcher.

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A SIMPLE WAY FOR LAYING OFF A BALL FIELD

Lay a tape-line from centre of backstop out into the field 217 feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches to second base. At 90 feet from back stop place home plate, with the tape-line dividing it diagonally. Between 150 feet 6 inches and 150 feet 10 inches from the back stop place the pitcher's plate, with the tape-line dividing it at the centre; 153 feet $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches from backstop drive a stake. At right angles to the tape-line and 63 feet $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the stake and 90 feet from both home plate and second base, place first base on one side and third base on the other. This done, remove the stake. Lay lines connecting the bases thus laid, forming the diamond, extending the lines from home base and first base, and home base and third base in each direction to the fence, thus forming the foul line and the catchers's position. Parallel with these lines and 50 feet away lay the players' lines, extending from intersection with lines already laid 75 feet. From this point lay lines at right angles to lines just described extending to the base lines. At right angles to these and parallel with the base lines, 15 feet distant, lay the coaches' lines, extending, say, 30 feet toward the outfield. Parallel with and three feet distant from the base line from home base to first base lay a line beginning 45 feet from home plate and extending just past first base.

On each side of home plate, parallel with line from centre of backstop to second base and 6 inches distant from home plate lay lines 6 feet long, running 3 feet each way from a line through the centre of home plate, also lay other lines parallel with and 4 feet distant from the ones just described. Form these into rectangles 4 feet by 6 feet in dimension, thus forming the batsman's position. See amendment to Rule 9 on location of home base.

Observe Rules 11, 12 and 13.

ADVICE TO UMPIRES.

You are the absolute master of the field from the beginning to the termination of a game. You are by these rules given full authority to order any player, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which you may deem necessary to maintain your dignity and compel respect from players and spectators. (Rule 59.)

The rules are created to be enforced to the letter. If they are poor rules the fault is not yours. If they are disobeyed you are to blame.

Before "play" is called satisfy yourself that the field is correctly laid off with lines, bases and plates in proper places, and that the materials supplied for the game are as required by the rules. (Rule 60.)

Notify each captain that the rules will be enforced exactly as they are written, and that for each violation the prescribed penalty will follow. Do not in any case temporize with a rule breaker.

Make all decisions as you see them. Never attempt to "even up" after having made a mistake.

Be strict in what may seem to be trivial matters, thereby "nipping in the bud" trouble before it fully develops.

Specially observe Rules 20 and 38, which require players to occupy their respective benches; also section 6 of Rule 25, which specifies that a player ordered from the field shall go within one minute from the time you order his removal from the game.

Do not allow a player (not even a captain) to leave his position (which is the bench or coacher's box, for the captain whose side is at bat, or the regular fielding position of the captain whose side is not at bat) to argue with you. The captain only is allowed to appeal to you (and he only from his proper position) on a legal misinterpretation of the rules. If he claims that you have erred, it is proper that the spectators should know what the claim is. (Rule 58.)

Coachers have heretofore been a disturbing element to the umpire. Rule 53 provides just what his and what your duties are. These rules are mandatory, not discretionary. If you allow them to be violated you become the chief culprit and do not properly perform the duties of your position. Bear in mind that you are not responsible for the creation of the rules or the penalties prescribed by them.

The umpire who enforces the rules, maintains his dignity and compels respect, gives the fullest satisfaction to both teams and to the spectators.

Compel respect from all and your task will be an easy one.

ANNUAL MEETING NATIONAL LEAGUE



Annual Meeting of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, held at the
Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City,
Tuesday, December 11, 1900

Meeting called to order by the President at 10.30 P.M.

Present: A. H. Soden and W. H. Conant, representing the Boston Base Ball Association; C. H. Ebbetts and F. A. Abell, representing the Brooklyn Base Ball Club; John T. Brush, N. A. Lloyd and H. N. Hempstead, representing the Cincinnati Base Ball Club; Jas. A. Hart, representing the Chicago League Club; John I. Rogers and A. J. Reach, representing the Philadelphia Ball Club, Limited; Barney Dreyfuss and W. W. Kerr, representing the Pittsburg Athletic Co.; Andrew Freedman and F. M. Knowles, representing the National Exhibition Co. of New York City; F. DeH. Robison and M. S. Robison, representing the American Base Ball and Athletic Exhibition Co. of St. Louis, Mo.

At the suggestion of President Young, Mr. A. H. Soden was unanimously elected as Chairman of this annual meeting.

The reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with. The report of the Board of Directors was received, accepted and adopted.

On motion, adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on the following day

WEDNESDAY, *December 12, 1900.*

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock P.M. All clubs present.

Mr. Brush, Chairman of Circuit Committee, requested further time before being called upon to make any suggestions or recommendations to the League, which was granted.

Mr. Brush, representing the Committee appointed to confer with the Players' Protective Association, submitted a verbal statement and report.

On motion, Messrs. Robison, Rogers and Freedman were appointed a Committee to draft a resolution embodying the

views of this body in regard to the Report of the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Taylor, representing the Players' Protective Association.

On motion, adjourned until Thursday, December 13, at 10.30 A.M.

THURSDAY, *December 13, 1900.*

Col. Rogers, representing the Committee consisting of Messrs. Brush, Soden and himself, submitted the following (See Page 94, Stenographer's Report).

Section 16 of the League Constitution was amended, reducing the number of Directors from six to four.

The following named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year: A. H. Soden, Andrew Freedman, John T. Brush and Barney Dreyfuss.

Messrs. Soden, Hart, Rogers, Brush, Robison and Young were elected members of the National Board of Arbitration.

The Standing Committees were continued:

On Constitution, Messrs. Rogers, Brush and Hart.

On Playing Rules, Messrs. Hart, Hanlon and Reach.

On National Agreement, Messrs. Brush, Soden and Hart.

On motion, a recess was taken until 3.30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 4.40 P.M.

Col. Rogers offered the following motion, which was adopted:

"That all moneys due the Washington National Base Ball Club, on account of the Reduction Agreement, adopted March 7, 1900, be paid to Mr. Geo. W. Wagner, to whom said payments have been assigned, upon the transfer of certificates of stock of said corporation, or as many as can be obtained, to N. E. Young, trustee."

On motion, it was unanimously agreed that no club should carry more than sixteen players on its pay roll after May 15, and Messrs. Freedman, Rogers and Brush were appointed a Committee to prepare a resolution or agreement to carry the above into effect.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock A.M. on the following day.

FRIDAY, *December 14, 1900.*

Meeting called to order at 12.15 P.M.

Mr. Hart moved that the Schedule Committee prepare an Umpire Schedule with no names attached, simply using the letters A, B, C and D instead of names, that will require each umpire to umpire for each club as near equally as possible, both at home and abroad.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to prepare a Schedule calling for 140 games, commencing April 18 and ending October 6.

It was also unanimously agreed that May 30 and September 2 games should be played in the East, and July 4 games in the West; also that the last sectional series of games between the East and West should be played in the West.

The report of the Committee in relation to the number of players to be carried by each club after May 15 was unanimously adopted.

It was moved and seconded that when any club serves notice upon a player that his contract will be terminated in ten days, or any time, that the President of the League be at once notified by telegram and that the President of the League immediately telegraph the other seven clubs the information. Carried.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the three requests made orally by Attorney Taylor in public meeting have been so merged in, and confused with, a large number of other new and radical proposed changes in our players' contracts, which also affect the National Agreement, that it is impossible to intelligently differentiate them, and that the adoption of such proposed amendments would not only be prejudicial to individual interests, but would, we believe, be destructive to organized base ball.

It was unanimously agreed that "when we adjourn we adjourn to meet subject to the call of the President."

No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

(Signed) A. H. SODEN, *Chairman*.

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary*.

RECONVENED ANNUAL MEETING



Reconvened Annual Meeting of the National League and
American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs,
held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York,
Monday, February 25, 1901

Meeting called to order by Mr. A. H. Soden, Chairman, at
9.50 P.M. All clubs present.

On motion, the reading of Minutes of last meeting were read
and, as amended at the suggestion of Mr. Hart, were approved.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.
The Secretary read a communication from Mr. C. L. Zimmer,
President of the Players' Protective Association.

On motion, Messrs. Brush, Hart and Soden were appointed
a Committee to confer with Mr. Zimmer.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock P.M. on the fol-
lowing day.

TUESDAY, *February 26, 1901.*

Meeting called to order at 8.50 P.M.

The Playing Rules Committee submitted their report, and,
on motion, consideration of the same was deferred until the
following day.

The Committee appointed to confer with Chas. Zimmer,
President of the Players' Protective Association, reported cer-
tain amendments to the Player's Contract suggested by Mr.
Zimmer, which amendments were considered by the meeting.

In connection with said amendments the following letter was
read and spread upon the Minutes.

"As President of the Protective Association of Professional
Base Ball Players, and as its authorized representative, I hereby
agree in return for the concessions granted by the National
League of Professional Base Ball Clubs this day, February 26,
1901, that all National League or Eastern League players who
may sign American League contracts will be suspended, pend-
ing final action by the Protective Association as a body.

“(Signed) C. L. ZIMMER.”

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the said amendments, taken in connection with Mr. Zimmer's letter be, and are hereby, approved and adopted; and that a new contract be printed after being amended in accordance therewith.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion, adjourned until Wednesday, at 1.30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, *February 27, 1901.*

Meeting called to order at 2.25 P.M.

The League proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, which as amended, were adopted, as follows (See Playing Rules).

The League Constitution was amended as follows (See Constitution).

On motion, the appointment of a Supervisor of Umpires was postponed until the next annual meeting.

On motion, adjourned until 7 30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 8.15 P.M., and after the transaction of routine business, on motion, adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P.M. on the following day.

THURSDAY, *February 28, 1901.*

Meeting called to order at 8 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Brush submitted amendments to the National Agreement (to conform to the new form of contract) which were adopted.

It was unanimously agreed that "when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet subject to the call of the President."

No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

(Signed) A. H. SODEN, *Chairman.*

N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS

The following is an official list of the officers of the National League and American Association of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and officers of Clubs, members thereof, for the season of 1901,

President and Secretary

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CHAS. E. BECKER, Vice-Pres.

L. HEILBRUNER, Sec'y.

Official National League Statistics

Compiled by N. E. Young, President of the National League

BATTING RECORD

Of Players Who Have Taken Part in Fifteen or More
Championship Games, Season of 1900.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	T. B.	Per cent.	S. H.	S. E.
1	Wagner.....	Pittsburg.....	134	528	107	201	302	.380	4	26
2	Flick.....	Philadelphia.....	138	547	106	207	302	.378	6	37
3	Keeler.....	Brooklyn.....	137	568	106	208	259	.366	19	30
4	Burkett.....	St. Louis.....	142	560	88	202	264	.360	19	31
5	Lajoie.....	Philadelphia.....	102	451	95	156	234	.346	2	25
6	Selbach.....	New York.....	141	524	99	181	249	.345	18	33
7	Beckley.....	Cincinnati.....	138	559	99	192	243	.343	12	22
8	Tannehill.....	Pittsburg.....	92	117	19	40	50	.342	5	3
9	McGraw.....	St. Louis.....	98	341	84	115	139	.337	5	28
10	Hamilton.....	Boston.....	135	524	103	174	204	.332	5	29
11	Hartsell.....	Cincinnati.....	18	64	10	21	31	.328	6	8
12	Donlin.....	St. Louis.....	77	275	40	50	140	.327	6	12
13	David.....	New York.....	113	425	70	138	175	.325	7	23
14	Thomas.....	Philadelphia.....	139	529	131	172	183	.325	14	26
15	Donovan.....	St. Louis.....	127	509	78	165	181	.324	6	44
16	Clarke.....	Boston.....	71	265	35	85	98	.320	9	0
17	Van Hatten.....	New York.....	141	568	113	181	229	.319	13	45
18	Delehanty.....	Philadelphia.....	130	542	82	173	231	.319	14	14
19	Kelley.....	Brooklyn.....	118	453	92	144	220	.318	0	26
20	Schriver.....	Pittsburg.....	23	85	11	27	36	.317	0	0
21	Barrett.....	Cincinnati.....	138	544	115	172	213	.316	10	46
22	Daly.....	Brooklyn.....	98	345	70	108	143	.313	5	26
23	Hickman.....	New York.....	125	473	66	148	231	.313	4	11
24	Dunn.....	Brooklyn and Philadelphia.....	19	55	4	17	18	.309	0	1
25	Jones.....	Brooklyn.....	136	556	108	172	213	.309	11	34
26	Mercer.....	New York.....	72	247	31	76	82	.308	3	14
27	McFarland.....	Philadelphia.....	90	342	50	105	133	.307	11	12
28	Orth.....	Philadelphia.....	35	127	7	39	48	.307	0	1
29	Deuglas.....	Philadelphia.....	45	160	23	49	68	.306	1	8
30	Sheckard.....	Brooklyn.....	75	269	74	82	121	.305	4	34
31	Chance.....	Chicago.....	48	151	26	46	62	.304	8	9
32	McGann.....	St. Louis.....	124	450	79	136	175	.302	7	22
33	Kennedy.....	Brooklyn.....	36	123	10	37	49	.301	2	0
34	Heidrick.....	St. Louis.....	83	339	53	102	132	.301	0	15
35	Freeman.....	Boston.....	109	420	56	126	189	.300	8	8

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	T. B.	Per cent.	H.	S. B.
	{ Collins.....	Boston.....	142	585	104	175	229	.299	9	20
30	{ Green.....	Chicago.....	100	387	62	116	160	.299	6	32
	{ Slagle.....	Philadelphia.....	141	578	115	173	211	.299	27	36
	{ Duffy.....	Boston.....	50	181	28	54	73	.298	5	12
31	{ Zimmer.....	Pittsburg.....	80	275	28	82	110	.298	9	4
	{ Keister.....	St. Louis.....	128	500	78	149	200	.298	6	35
32	McCarthy.....	Chicago.....	123	503	67	149	177	.296	11	23
33	Ritchie.....	Pittsburg.....	123	475	62	144	177	.295	18	18
	{ Mertes.....	Chicago.....	125	483	71	143	196	.294	32	39
34	{ O'Brien.....	Pittsburg.....	94	374	60	110	154	.294	3	11
	{ Cross.....	St. Louis and Brooklyn.....	133	519	79	152	194	.293	7	21
35	{ Stahl.....	Boston.....	134	552	88	192	233	.293	10	25
36	Bradley.....	Chicago.....	120	445	64	128	181	.288	7	16
37	Dinneen.....	Boston.....	36	122	14	35	36	.287	6	7
38	Foster.....	New York.....	20	84	18	24	30	.286	1	0
39	Tenney.....	Boston.....	111	437	75	124	150	.284	10	16
40	Kitson.....	Brooklyn.....	33	113	21	32	18	.283	1	2
41	Beaumont.....	Pittsburg.....	138	566	107	160	212	.282	21	19
42	Clarke.....	Pittsburg.....	103	398	85	112	161	.281	9	18
43	McGuire.....	Brooklyn.....	68	239	20	67	86	.280	1	1
44	Lowe.....	Boston.....	127	473	65	132	163	.279	8	18
45	Smith.....	Cincinnati and New York.....	116	425	61	118	163	.278	9	20
	{ Wolverton.....	Philadelphia.....	101	386	42	107	144	.277	8	5
46	{ Farrell.....	Brooklyn.....	73	274	34	76	98	.277	4	3
	{ McBride.....	Cincinnati.....	109	432	57	120	162	.277	5	11
	{ Ryan.....	Chicago.....	106	416	66	115	163	.276	3	14
47	{ Strang.....	Chicago.....	25	94	15	26	29	.276	4	7
48	Powell.....	St. Louis.....	37	109	14	30	43	.275	4	2
49	Quinn.....	Cincinnati and St. Louis.....	94	339	29	93	107	.274	8	11
50	{ Geier.....	Cincinnati.....	29	110	20	30	38	.273	2	3
	{ Doyle.....	New York.....	130	504	69	138	166	.273	2	45
51	{ Ganzel.....	Chicago.....	78	287	29	78	112	.272	7	3
	{ Wallace.....	St. Louis.....	129	489	72	133	187	.272	4	10
52	Irwin.....	Cincinnati.....	85	332	59	90	119	.271	9	9
53	{ Jennings.....	Brooklyn.....	112	440	62	119	155	.270	13	35
	{ Crawford.....	Cincinnati.....	96	385	67	104	172	.270	4	15
54	Warner.....	New York.....	31	104	14	28	31	.269	4	2
55	Sullivan.....	Boston.....	66	232	36	62	89	.267	3	5
56	{ Williams.....	Pittsburg.....	106	414	67	110	160	.266	3	16
	{ Creiger.....	St. Louis.....	76	282	30	75	101	.266	6	9
57	Piatt.....	Philadelphia.....	19	64	7	17	19	.265	1	1
58	Wood.....	Cincinnati.....	34	140	18	37	47	.264	1	2
59	Barry.....	Boston.....	66	253	40	66	92	.261	8	10
60	Dahlen.....	Brooklyn.....	134	485	87	126	168	.259	2	31
61	{ Gleason.....	New York.....	111	420	60	108	128	.257	10	25
	{ Fraser.....	Philadelphia.....	26	86	8	22	27	.257	5	2
62	{ Long.....	Boston.....	124	482	80	124	185	.256	18	26
	{ Bowerman.....	New York.....	73	265	25	68	83	.256	2	11
63	Robinson.....	St. Louis.....	56	212	26	54	63	.255	1	9
64	Peitz.....	Cincinnati.....	84	295	35	74	94	.251	1	5
	{ Griffith.....	Chicago.....	30	96	16	24	34	.250	1	2
65	{ DeMont'ville.....	Brooklyn.....	63	232	32	58	69	.250	6	20
	{ Murphy.....	New York.....	21	72	12	18	19	.250	2	4
66	Steinfeldt.....	Cincinnati.....	136	513	58	127	174	.247	19	13

BATTING RECORDS—Continued.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	At Bat.	Runs.	1st Bases.	T. B.	Per cent.	S. H.	S. E.
67	Childs.....	Chicago.....	138	538	70	131	158	.243	20	18
	Bernard.....	New York.....	19	70	9	17	20	.243	1	3
68	Corcoran.....	Cincinnati.....	128	523	66	127	166	.242	15	30
69	Ely.....	Pittsburg.....	130	474	61	115	132	.242	10	6
	Donohue.....	Chicago.....	65	209	21	50	62	.239	6	6
70	O'Connor.....	St. Louis and Pittsburg.....	48	181	20	43	48	.237	1	4
	Dillard.....	St. Louis.....	44	177	24	42	51	.237	1	6
	Everett.....	Chicago.....	23	93	10	22	26	.236	1	3
71	Callahan.....	Chicago.....	33	118	17	28	36	.236	5	4
	Doheny.....	New York.....	18	55	7	13	14	.236	0	4
72	Donahue.....	Philadelphia.....	26	85	9	20	20	.235	5	0
73	Taylor.....	Chicago.....	25	80	8	18	26	.225	3	1
	Hawley.....	New York.....	39	111	9	25	31	.225	4	0
74	McCreery.....	Pittsburg.....	33	130	20	29	42	.223	6	1
75	Grady.....	New York.....	75	252	36	57	73	.222	3	9
76	Chiles.....	Philadelphia.....	28	109	13	24	37	.220	3	3
77	McCormick.....	Chicago.....	110	376	35	81	112	.215	18	9
	Leach.....	Pittsburg.....	45	158	20	34	42	.215	5	7
78	Breitenstein.....	Cincinnati.....	33	115	12	23	32	.210	1	1
79	Hughey.....	St. Louis.....	15	43	6	9	9	.209	0	0
80	Nichols.....	Boston.....	28	87	14	18	22	.207	2	2
	Leever.....	Pittsburg.....	27	87	9	18	25	.207	0	0
81	Hahn.....	Cincinnati.....	40	117	12	24	35	.205	3	0
82	Dexter.....	Chicago.....	35	124	7	25	35	.201	3	1
	Clingman.....	Chicago.....	46	159	15	32	39	.201	1	6
83	Cooley.....	Pittsburg.....	65	250	30	50	60	.200	12	9
	Cross.....	Philadelphia.....	130	465	59	93	122	.200	7	23
84	Newton.....	Cincinnati.....	30	86	10	17	19	.198	4	2
85	Dolan.....	Philadelphia.....	70	257	39	50	65	.194	8	9
86	Sudhoff.....	St. Louis.....	32	100	15	19	22	.190	1	8
87	Kahoe.....	Cincinnati.....	49	177	18	33	46	.186	3	3
88	McGinnity.....	Brooklyn.....	41	146	18	27	33	.185	5	3
	Young.....	St. Louis.....	39	124	13	23	33	.185	1	1
89	Philippi.....	Pittsburg.....	32	105	7	19	24	.181	4	0
90	Jones.....	St. Louis.....	38	118	14	21	23	.178	3	1
91	Carrick.....	New York.....	41	114	12	19	23	.167	4	1
	Phillips.....	Cincinnati.....	27	78	8	13	13	.167	1	1
92	Chesbro.....	Pittsburg.....	29	85	10	14	19	.165	0	1
93	Waddell.....	Pittsburg.....	22	81	6	13	21	.160	0	2
94	Bernhard.....	Philadelphia.....	38	95	7	15	16	.158	0	0
95	Garvin.....	Chicago.....	28	90	12	14	15	.155	0	6
96	Scott.....	Cincinnati.....	39	123	9	19	28	.154	2	0
97	Willett.....	Boston.....	26	88	8	12	16	.136	3	0
98	Lewis.....	Boston.....	26	72	10	9	9	.125	2	0

FIELDING RECORD

Of Players Who Have Played Fifteen or More
Championship Games.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
1	Kelley	Brooklyn	28	241	12	2	255	.992
1	Bradley	Chicago	15	123	13	1	137	.993
2	McGann	St. Louis	124	1228	54	14	1296	.989
3	Jennings	Brooklyn	110	1052	74	18	1144	.984
4	Ganzel	Chicago	78	822	35	15	872	.983
4	Tenney	Boston	108	1030	85	19	1134	.983
5	Delehanty	Philadelphia	130	1293	69	25	1387	.982
6	Beckley	Cincinnati	138	1388	92	31	1511	.979
7	Everett	Chicago	23	236	10	6	252	.976
8	Freeman	Boston	15	147	13	4	164	.975
8	Mertes	Chicago	31	342	16	9	367	.975
9	O'Brien	Pittsburg	65	673	24	22	719	.969
9	Doyle	New York	130	1281	95	43	1419	.969
10	Cooley	Pittsburg	65	681	21	8	719	.960
11	Donlin	St. Louis	21	208	4	12	224	.946

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Lowe	Boston	127	318	330	27	675	.960
2	Lajoie	Philadelphia	102	283	345	27	655	.959
3	DeMontreville	Brooklyn	47	129	131	12	272	.956
4	Steinfeldt	Cincinnati	66	208	214	21	443	.955
5	Quinn	St. Louis and Cincinnati ..	87	181	198	18	397	.954
6	Ritchie	Pittsburg	123	298	354	36	688	.947
7	Childs	Chicago	138	334	425	49	808	.939
8	Keister	St. Louis	119	213	312	35	560	.937
9	Gleason	New York	111	325	331	47	703	.933
10	Daly	Brooklyn	95	231	233	36	500	.926
11	Dolan	Philadelphia	29	64	72	11	147	.924
12	Murphy	New York	21	44	45	10	99	.899
13	Barry	Boston	15	31	25	9	65	.861

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	Cross	St. Louis and Brooklyn ..	133	184	317	31	532	.941
2	Steinfeldt	Cincinnati	67	108	175	23	306	.924
3	Dolan	Philadelphia	30	47	91	9	147	.920
4	Irwin	Cincinnati	61	80	132	14	226	.938
5	Collins	Boston	142	252	323	47	622	.924
6	McGraw	St. Louis	98	106	216	29	351	.917
7	Bradley	Chicago	105	166	301	52	519	.899
8	McCormick	Chicago	21	28	58	10	96	.896
9	Williams	Pittsburg	104	154	257	49	460	.893
10	Dillard	St. Louis	20	32	42	9	83	.891
11	Wolverton	Philadelphia	101	126	233	45	404	.888
12	Leach	Pittsburg	31	45	70	19	134	.859
13	Hickman	New York	118	181	283	91	555	.896
14	Wood	Cincinnati	15	13	24	9	46	.804
15	Mercer	New York	18	17	51	18	86	.791

SHORTSTOPS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Total Chances.	Per cent.
1	{ Davis.....	New York.....	113	276	455	45	776	.942
	{ Dahlen.....	Brooklyn.....	134	317	515	51	883	.942
2	Long.....	Boston.....	124	260	456	45	761	.941
3	Wallace.....	St. Louis.....	127	328	447	49	824	.940
4	Ely.....	Pittsburg.....	130	244	509	51	804	.936
5	Corcoran.....	Cincinnati.....	125	270	440	56	766	.927
	{ McCormick.....	Chicago.....	85	169	308	39	516	.924
6	{ Cross.....	Philadelphia.....	130	340	456	65	861	.924
	{ Irwin.....	Cincinnati.....	16	35	61	8	104	.923
8	Barry.....	Boston.....	17	27	40	7	74	.905
9	Clingman.....	Chicago.....	46	82	154	33	269	.877

FIELDERS.

1	Barry.....	Boston.....	23	36	5	1	42	.975
2	Wagner.....	Pittsburg.....	117	177	13	6	196	.969
3	Heidrick.....	St. Louis.....	83	220	24	8	252	.968
4	Thomas.....	Philadelphia.....	139	303	18	11	332	.966
5	Donovan.....	St. Louis.....	127	181	12	8	201	.960
6	Jones.....	Brooklyn.....	126	315	13	14	342	.959
	{ Selbach.....	New York.....	141	325	30	16	371	.957
7	{ Freeman.....	Boston.....	94	129	4	7	140	.957
8	Kelley.....	Brooklyn.....	78	181	13	9	203	.955
	{ Dillard.....	St. Louis.....	22	39	3	2	44	.954
9	{ Hartsell.....	Cincinnati.....	18	21	0	1	22	.954
10	Crawford.....	Cincinnati.....	96	230	16	12	258	.953
11	Stahl.....	Boston.....	134	227	22	13	262	.950
	{ Duffy.....	Boston.....	49	107	5	6	118	.949
12	{ Beaumont.....	Pittsburg.....	138	270	9	15	294	.949
	{ McCarthy.....	Chicago.....	123	230	22	14	266	.947
	{ Van Haltren.....	New York.....	141	322	23	19	364	.947
13	{ Hamilton.....	Boston.....	135	325	13	19	357	.947
	{ Keeler.....	Brooklyn.....	137	229	24	14	267	.947
14	Green.....	Chicago.....	100	217	13	13	243	.946
15	Clarke.....	Pittsburg.....	103	263	9	16	288	.944
16	Smith.....	Cincinnati and New York.....	116	151	14	10	175	.943
	{ O'Brien.....	Pittsburg.....	24	46	1	3	50	.940
17	{ Burkett.....	St. Louis.....	142	345	16	23	384	.940
18	Barrett.....	Cincinnati.....	138	285	25	22	332	.936
19	Sheckard.....	Brooklyn.....	75	170	14	13	197	.934
20	McBride.....	Cincinnati.....	109	166	15	13	194	.932
21	Bernard.....	New York.....	18	23	2	2	27	.926
22	Slagle.....	Philadelphia.....	141	318	18	28	364	.923
23	Geier.....	Cincinnati.....	27	55	4	5	64	.922
	{ Flick.....	Philadelphia.....	138	237	19	23	279	.918
24	{ Ryan.....	Chicago.....	106	175	15	17	207	.918
25	Mertes.....	Chicago.....	86	175	12	19	206	.908
26	McCreery.....	Pittsburg.....	33	62	10	10	82	.878

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Put Outs.	Assists.	Errors.	Passed Balls.	Total Chances.	Percentage Accepted.
1	Warner.....	New York.....	30	96	50	6	4	156	.936
2	Sullivan.....	Boston.....	64	227	65	7	14	313	.933
3	Zimmer.....	Pittsburg.....	78	323	101	15	16	455	.932
4	Robinson.....	St. Louis.....	56	199	74	6	16	295	.925
5	Criger.....	St. Louis.....	75	279	103	19	19	413	.924
6	Schriver.....	Pittsburg.....	33	92	20	4	6	122	.918
7	Peitz.....	Cincinnati.....	78	304	128	20	19	471	.917
8	Kahoe.....	Cincinnati.....	48	206	81	15	12	314	.914
9	Wood.....	Cincinnati.....	19	62	32	3	6	103	.912
10	Farrell.....	Brooklyn.....	53	253	87	20	13	373	.911
	McFarland.....	Philadelphia.....	90	272	137	15	25	449	.911
11	McGuire.....	Brooklyn.....	68	212	80	19	10	321	.909
12	Dexter.....	Chicago.....	20	67	32	6	4	109	.908
13	Donohue.....	Chicago.....	64	225	70	21	14	330	.894
14	Chance.....	Chicago.....	48	160	64	17	10	251	.892
15	O'Connor.....	St. Louis and Pittsburg.	48	137	60	9	16	222	.887
16	Grady.....	New York.....	40	122	46	13	9	190	.884
17	Clarke.....	Boston.....	66	248	104	28	19	399	.882
18	Bowerman.....	New York.....	73	228	128	22	29	407	.875
19	Douglas.....	Philadelphia.....	45	139	60	13	27	239	.832

PITCHERS' RECORDS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Per cent. of Victories.	Per cent. of Base Hits off Pitcher.	Av. Runs Scored Per Game.	Hit Batsmen.	Bases Given on Called Balls.	No. Struck Out.	Per cent. of Fielding Chances accepted.
Breitenstein.....	Cincinnati.....	22	.500	.272	4.45	13	79	44	.875
Bernhard.....	Philadelphia.....	26	.577	.318	5.55	5	72	49	.786
Chesbro.....	Pittsburg.....	29	.552	.263	4.34	11	75	58	.762
Callahan.....	Chicago.....	33	.466	.297	5.97	20	77	81	.909
Carrick.....	New York.....	42	.490	.289	5.26	12	93	59	.868
Doheny.....	New York.....	19	.263	.271	7.72	21	97	42	.739
Dunn.....	Brooklyn and Phila.	17	.529	.322	6.59	9	61	20	.846
Donohue.....	Philadelphia.....	25	.625	.303	6.08	9	50	42	.942
Diinneen.....	Boston.....	35	.588	.245	4.40	8	103	106	.855
Fraser.....	Philadelphia.....	25	.640	.283	4.76	10	94	57	.911
Garvin.....	Chicago.....	28	.393	.244	4.32	18	67	111	.884
Griffith.....	Chicago.....	30	.536	.264	4.20	16	51	61	.868
Hawley.....	New York.....	39	.474	.286	5.08	17	90	80	.915
Hahn.....	Cincinnati.....	37	.435	.252	3.92	6	97	122	.886
Jones.....	St. Louis.....	31	.424	.284	5.50	13	79	70	.868

PITCHERS' RECORDS—Continued.

NAME.	CLUB.	Games Played.	Per cent. of Victories.	Per cent. of Base Hits off Pitcher.	Av. Runs Scored Per Game.	Hit Batsmen.	Bases Given on Called Balls.	No. Struck Out.	Per cent. of Fielding Chances accepted.
Kennedy.....	Brooklyn.....	36	.600	.278	4.36	5	102	73	.919
Kitson.....	Brooklyn.....	30	.517	.283	5.07	10	53	56	.848
Leever.....	Pittsburg.....	27	.555	.269	3.74	10	51	85	.800
Lewis.....	Boston.....	27	.500	.259	4.32	4	83	65	.768
Mercer.....	New York.....	29	.448	.313	4.45	18	56	38	.872
McGinnity.....	Brooklyn.....	41	.769	.268	4.49	41	113	92	.875
Newton.....	Cincinnati.....	25	.391	.280	5.72	12	93	92	.768
Nichols.....	Boston.....	23	.464	.245	4.14	10	73	54	.904
Orth.....	Philadelphia.....	30	.481	.295	5.67	11	60	69	.933
Piatt.....	Philadelphia.....	18	.500	.304	6.66	16	70	48	.786
Powell.....	St. Louis.....	35	.457	.286	5.46	3	77	77	.841
Philippi.....	Pittsburg.....	33	.576	.254	3.94	8	42	81	.861
Phillips.....	Cincinnati.....	23	.454	.276	6.04	16	69	54	.893
Scott.....	Cincinnati.....	36	.486	.250	5.19	12	61	89	.852
Taylor.....	Chicago.....	26	.346	.251	4.69	8	59	59	.828
Tannehill.....	Pittsburg.....	26	.731	.269	3.96	16	42	50	.901
Waddell.....	Pittsburg.....	21	.450	.228	4.43	13	56	133	.906
Willis.....	Boston.....	27	.333	.314	5.85	12	105	64	.850
Young.....	St. Louis.....	38	.526	.271	3.79	2	36	120	.850

HOW TO FIND PERCENTAGES.

In answer to a number of inquiries as how to figure out the average of the players, the following examples are given:

TO FIND THE BATTING RECORD—Divide the number of base-hits by the number of times at bat. Example: Wagner, in 1900, made 201 base-hits and was at the bat 528 times; 201 divided by 528 equals .380.

TO FIND THE FIELDING RECORD—Divide the number of chances accepted by the total chances. Example: Kelley, in 1900, had a total of 255 chances and accepted 253 (241 put-outs and 12 assists); 253 divided by 255 equals .992.

TO FIND THE STANDING OF THE CLUBS—Divide the number of games won by the games played. Example: Brooklyn, in 1900, played 133 games (not including drawn games) and won 82; 82 divided by 136 equals .603.

TO FIND THE BASE-RUNNING RECORD—Divide bases stolen by total games played. Example: Sheekard, in 1900, had 34 stolen bases and played in 75 games; 34 divided by 75 equals .453, his per cent.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE FOR THE SEASON OF 1901

CLUBS, 1901.	At Boston	At Brooklyn	At New York	At Phila.	At Pittsburgh	At Chicago	At Cincinnati	At St. Louis
Boston.....		April 27, 29, 30, May 1, Aug. 9, 10, 12, 26, 27, 28	April 18, 20, 22, June 1, July 26, 27, 29, Aug. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, Oct. 5	April 23, 24, 25, 26, July 22, 23, 24, Aug. 11, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2	June 13, 14, 15, July 8, 9, 10, 11, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2	June 3, 4, 5, July 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, Sept. 18, 19, 21, 22	June 10, 11, 12, July 4, 5, 6, Sept. 27, 28	June 6, 7, 8, July 17, 18, 19, 20, Sept. 23, 24, 25
Brooklyn.....	May 6, 7, 8, 9, Aug. 2, 3, 5, 29, 30, 31		Apr. 24, 26, May 10, 13, July 23, 25, Aug. 6, 8, 17, 23	Apr. 18, 20, 22, June 1, July 26, 27, 29, Aug. 19, 20, Sept. 14	June 6, 7, 8, July 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Sept. 26, 27, 28	June 9, 10, 11, 12, July 4, 5, 6, 7, Sept. 29	June 3, 4, 5, July 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, Sept. 23, 24, 25	June 13, 14, 15, 16, July 8, 9, 10, Sept. 19, 21, 22
New York.....	Apr. 19, May 2, 3, 4, July 30, Aug. 1, 19, 20, Sept. 14	Apr. 23, 25, May 11, J'y 24, Aug. 7, 16, 22, 24, Oct. 5	May 10, 13, July 23, 25, Aug. 6, 8, 17, 23	Apr. 27, 29, 30, May 1, Aug. 9, 10, 12, 26, 27, 28	June 10, 11, 12, July 4, 5, 6, Sept. 23, 24, 25	June 13, 14, 15, 16, July 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, Sept. 26, 28	June 6, 7, 8, 9, July 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, Sept. 20, 21, 22	June 3, 4, 5, July 12, 13, 14, 15, Sept. 20, 30, Oct. 1
Philadelphia.....	May 10, 11, 13, June 17, 18, Aug. 6, 7, 8, 23, 24	Apr. 19, May 2, 3, 4, July 30, Aug. 1, 13, 14, 15	May 6, 7, 8, 9, Aug. 2, 3, 5, 29, 30, 31	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 7, 9, 10	June 3, 4, 5, July 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, Sept. 18, 19, 21	June 6, 7, 8, July 1, 12, 13, 15, 16, Sept. 23, 24, 25	June 13, 14, 15, July 17, 18, 19, 20, Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2	June 10, 11, 12, July 4, 5, 6, Sept. 26, 27, 28
Pittsburgh.....	23, 24, 25, 27, June 22, 24, 25, Sept. 2, 2, 3	May 2, 3, 4, July 30, Aug. 1, 13, 14, 15	May 18, 20, 21, 22, June 19, 20, 21, Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 7, 9, 10	June 14, 15, 16, 17, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 7, 9, 10	May 5, 6, 7, 8, June 2, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 22, Oct. 5, 6	April 22, 23, 24, May 12, June 16, Aug. 4, 18, 24, 25	April 22, 23, 24, May 12, June 16, Aug. 4, 18, 24, 25
Chicago.....	28, 29, 30, 30, June 19, 20, 21, Sept. 11, 12, 13	May 2, 3, 4, July 30, Aug. 1, 13, 14, 15	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 7, 9, 10	May 1, 2, 3, 4, Aug. 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 31	May 1, 2, 3, 4, Aug. 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 31	April 22, 23, 24, 25, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21	April 22, 23, 24, 25, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21
Cincinnati.....	May 18, 20, 21, 22, June 19, 20, 21, Sept. 7, 9, 10	May 14, 15, 16, 17, June 19, 20, 21, Sept. 7, 9, 10	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 7, 9, 10	May 10, 11, 13, June 1, July 23, 24, 25, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100	April 22, 23, 24, 25, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21	May 1, 2, 4, 5, July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	May 1, 2, 4, 5, July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
St. Louis.....	May 14, 15, 16, 17, June 26, 27, 28, Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 14, 15, 16, 17, June 26, 27, 28, Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 4, 5, 6	May 14, 15, June 20, 21, 22, July 1, 2, Sept. 7, 9, 10	May 10, 11, 13, June 1, July 23, 24, 25, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100	April 22, 23, 24, 25, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21	May 1, 2, 4, 5, July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31	May 1, 2, 4, 5, July 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

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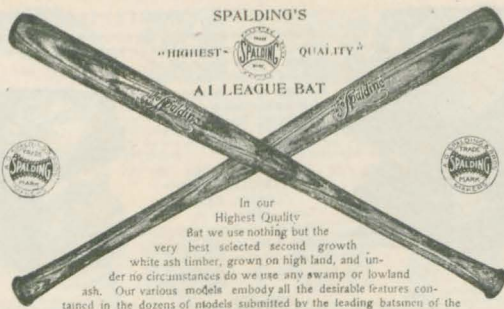
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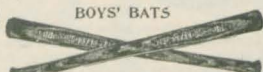
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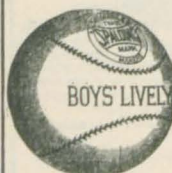


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Made of good quality leather, well padded and substantially made.

No. X. Each, \$1.50



Spalding's
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Brown tan leather, good quality, well made and heavily padded.

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Boys' Infelder's Glove

Same quality as our No. X, but in boys' sizes.

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Spalding's
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Made of good quality soft tanned leather, nicely padded.

No. 16.
Each, 50c.



Spalding's
Infelder's Glove

Good quality soft tanned leather, nicely padded.

Men's,
No. 12, 75c.
Boys',
No. 14, 50c.



Spalding's
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Glove

All leather, good quality, well made and padded.

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Made of same grade of material as our higher-priced uniforms, but of lighter weight flannel. This is one of our most popular suits, and will give the best of satisfaction. Can usually be used two seasons. Complete, \$9.65; net price to clubs ordering for entire team, \$8.00 per suit.



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Made of good quality flannel in a variety of very desirable patterns. Well finished and a most excellent outfit for amateur clubs. Complete, \$7.00; net price to clubs ordering for entire team, \$5.50 per suit.



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Made expressly for clubs composed of boys and youths, and will stand the hardest kind of wear. Complete, \$4.00; net price to clubs ordering nine or more uniforms, \$3.25 per suit.

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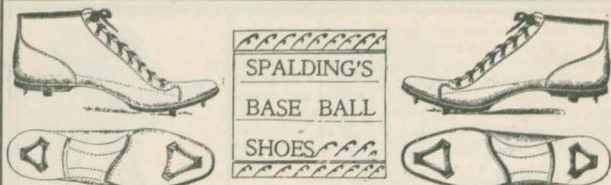
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Our "Highest Quality" Base Ball Shoe is hand-made throughout, and of specially selected kangaroo leather. Extreme care is taken in its general construction, and no pains or expense spared in making this shoe not only of the very highest in quality but a perfect shoe in every detail. The plates, made exclusively for this shoe, are of the finest hand-forged razor steel and firmly riveted to heel and sole.

No. 2-0. Per pair, \$7.50

A special new light weight razor steel hand-forged plate used on all our best grade shoes.



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Same quality as our No. 2-0 shoe, but built for our famous running shoe last. Weigh about eighteen ounces to the pair and made with extra care throughout.

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CLUB SPECIAL...

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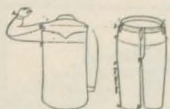


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DIAGRAMS FOR MEASUREMENTS

Samples of flannels and special measurement blanks mailed to clubs and others interested on application. If in a hurry for uniforms, and no sample or measurement blanks on hand, follow the instructions given below, give us an idea of color desired and we will use our judgment in getting 'up same. Our many years of experience will enable us to make a more pleasing combination than parties unused to selecting materials and trimmings for uniforms. In sending order remit a deposit of at least 25 per cent. of amount of order.

TO MEASURE FOR UNIFORMS

Cut out bottom line on this page, paste at top of letter, and enter and measure each man separately, as indicated by the numbers given and shown on diagrams. Use this form in absence of special measurement blanks.

NAMES	Collar	SHIRTS			PANTS			Cap Size	Hose	Shoes
		Sleeve 2 to 4	Chest 3-5	Yoke 7 to 8	Around Waist 1-1	Outseam 2 to 4	Inseam 5 to 6	Around Hips 7-7		

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Razor Steel
Per pair, 75c.
" " 75c.

Professional Shoe Plates
Best Quality Steel.

Toe Plates.
No. 1. Pair, 25c.



Heel Plates.
No. 1H. Pair, 25c.



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No. 0. Toe Plates. Per pair, 50c.
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PATENTED

Special hand-
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finest tempered
steel; reinforced
corners.



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No. 2-0. Heel Plates. " 50c.

Amateur
Shoe Plates
Fine Steel.

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Spalding's Pitcher's Toe Plate



Worn on the toe and affords a
thorough protection to the shoe,
and at the same time a most valu-
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for Right or Left shoe. Used by
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No. A. Aluminum. Each, 50c.
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We are now the sole manu-
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device for the protection of
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are made of the best rubber,
inflated with air, light and
pliable, and do not interfere
with the movements of the
wearer under any conditions.
When not in use the air may
be let out and the protector
rolled in a very small space.

No. 0. League Catchers' Protector. Each, \$7.50
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No. 2. Boys' Catchers' Protector. " 4.00

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Our new style Rubber Home
Plate is made in accordance
with National League regula-
tions and of extra quality white
rubber. Complete with pins.
No. 1. Each, \$8.00

Spalding's 'Pitchers' Box Plates'

Made in accordance with
National League regulations
and of extra quality white
rubber. Complete with pins.

No. 3. Each, \$6.00



Spalding's Boundary Plates for

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Marks the four inside corners of the batsman's box.
Made of extra quality white rubber. In addition to being
a guide for the umpire in keeping the batsman within
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This appliance is very simple and may be described in a few words. It consists of a dumb-bell made in two halves separated about an inch from one another, the intervening space being occupied by two, three, four or five steel springs. When exercising the springs are compressed by gripping the bells and bringing the two halves close together, in which position they are kept until the "exercise" is over. The number of springs can be increased and, consequently, the power necessary to keep the two halves together can be varied to any extent. Force is equivalent to weight, consequently the necessity of buying a series of different weights is obviated by the use of stronger springs. The springs may be quickly taken out or put in.

It is not the weight of the bell that produces development, health and strength; it is the energy and will-power expended while using it.

The Sandow Spring Dumb-Bell compels the use of energy and will-power, which can be regulated from weak to strong by arranging the spring. These dumb-bells are specially prepared and adapted for both young and old. Complete with chart of exercises drawn up by Sandow after much experience and consideration, and with full instructions for use.



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CHILDREN'S BELLS—Weight, about $\frac{3}{4}$ -lb. each. Two light springs in each bell. Pair, complete in box, with chart of exercises.

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GIRLS' BELLS—Weight, about 1-lb. each. Three light springs in each bell. Pair, complete in box, with chart of exercises.

No. 2. Nickel-plated. Per pair, \$1.75



No. 3.

Boys'

BOYS' BELLS—Weight, about 1-lb. each. Four light springs in each bell. Pair, complete in box, with chart of exercises.

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No. 4.

Youth's

YOUTHS' BELLS—Weight, about 2-lbs. each. Two light and three strong springs in each bell. Pair, complete in box, with chart of exercises.

No. 4. Nickel-plated. Per pair, \$2.50



No. 5.

Ladies'

LADIES' BELLS—Weight, about 2-lbs. each. Five light springs in each bell. Pair, complete in box, with chart of exercises.

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No. 6.

Men's

MEN'S BELLS—Weight, about 3-lbs. each. Two light and three strong steel springs in each bell. Pair, complete in box, with chart of exercises.

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Official
Inter-
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Foot Ball



WE have spared no expense in making this ball perfect in every detail, and offer it as the finest Foot Ball ever produced. Each ball is thoroughly tested, packed in a separate box and sealed, so that our customers are guaranteed a perfect ball inside when same is received with seal unbroken. A polished brass Foot Ball Inflator and Lacing Needle will be packed with each Intercollegiate Foot Ball without extra charge. Used exclusively in all match games between the leading colleges.

No. J5

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COMPLETE

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Spalding's
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Edited by Walter Camp. Contains new rules as adopted by Harvard, Yale, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania and Cornell; records of all the teams, and profusely illustrated with portraits of all the leading players.

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How to Play Foot Ball

By Walter Camp. Contains instructions for beginners, chapters on half back and back; how to give signals, rules to be observed in training.

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THE SPALDING "EXPERT" BAG

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No. 7. Complete in box. Each, \$5.00

No. 6. Extra fine olive tanned leather cover. Double stitched, welted seams, and reinforced one-piece top. Extra well made throughout. Complete, \$4.00

No. 5. Regulation size, specially tanned glove leather cover, one-piece top, welted seams, double stitched and substantially made. Complete, \$3.50

No. 4. Regulation size, fine grain leather cover and well made throughout, one-piece top reinforced. Complete, \$2.25

No. 3. Medium size, substantial leather cover, one-piece top, reinforced and welted seams. Complete, \$1.75

No. 2. Medium size, good quality soft tanned leather, substantially made, two-piece top, double stitched. \$1.00

Each bag complete in box, with bladder, rubber cord for floor and rope for ceiling attachment.



The one-piece top greatly strengthens the bag where most of the strain comes, and is used on all of our bags this season except where otherwise noted.



"BAG PUNCHING"
Tells how to use the Striking Bag. Illustrated.
Price, 10c.

STRIKING BAG GLOVES



Made of tanned kid and extra well padded. Will protect the hands, and recommended for use with all striking bags.

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Made of soft tanned leather, properly shaped and padded, substantially put together.

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Made of soft tanned leather, padded and well made.

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EXTRA BLADDERS

No. B. Bladders for Nos. 2 and 3. Each, 50c.

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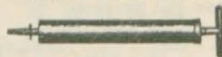
No. 27. Bladders for Nos. 5 and 6. " 70c.

Above bladders are carefully inspected and tested before packing but otherwise not guaranteed in any way.

No. 05. Bladder for No. 7, pure gum and fully guaranteed. Each, \$1.25

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No. 2. Club size, cylinder 10 inches. Each, 50c.

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Finest Kangaroo Leather; extremely light and glove fitting; best English steel spikes firmly riveted on.

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Finest Calfskin Running Shoe, light weight, hand-made, six spikes

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Calfskin Running Shoe machine made

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Jumping and Hurdling Shoe; fine kangaroo leather hand-made; two spikes on heel.

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Finest Kangaroo Leather Walking Shoe, broad, low heel, flexible shank and broad toe, hand-sewed.

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Finest Kangaroo leather, low, broad heel, flexible shank, hand-sewed; six spikes on sole, with or without spikes on heel.

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Made of fine chamois skin and used with Running, Walking, Jumping and other Athletic Shoes.

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Made of selected cork, and shaped to fit the hollow of the hand.

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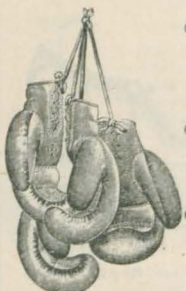
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No. 11. Corbett Pattern

Corbett Pattern, 5 oz. regulation gambia tan leather, padded with best curled hair, laced and padded wristband.

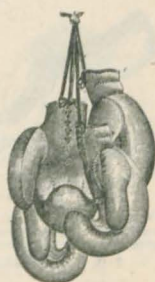
No. 9. Per set, \$4.00

Corbett Pattern, gambia tan leather, well padded with hair, laced wristband.

No. 11. Per set, \$4.50

Corbett Pattern, soft olive tanned leather, well padded with hair, laced wristband.

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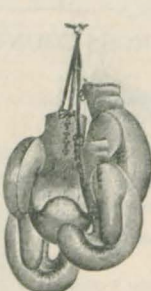
No. 13 Corbett Pattern

Corbett Pattern, soft olive tanned leather, well padded with hair, laced wristband.

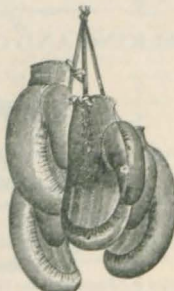
No. 15. Per set, \$3.50

Corbett Pattern, soft craven tan leather, well padded with hair.

No. 19. Per set, \$2.75



No. 15. Corbett Pattern



No. 23. Regular Pattern

Corbett Pattern, light colored soft tanned leather, nicely padded with hair, laced wristband.

No. 21. Per set, \$2.00

Regular Pattern, light colored soft tanned leather, well padded with hair, laced wristband.

No. 23. Per set, \$1.75



No. 35, Corbett Pattern.

YOUTHS' GLOVES
All Styles Padded with Hair
Youths' Championship Glove, Corbett Pattern, fine quality olive tanned leather, extra well finished and double stitched.

No. 40. Per set, \$3.00

Youths' size, Corbett Pattern, soft craven tan leather, well padded laced wristband.

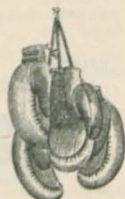
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Youths' size, Corbett Pattern, soft tanned leather, laced wristband

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Youths' size, regular pattern, soft tanned leather, laced wristband.

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No. 25 Regular Pattern

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 that the Governing Committee of the Athletic League
 has decided to adopt your basket ball and goal as
 the official basket ball and goal for the coming
 year, and also to request you to publish the
 official basket ball rules.
 I am,
 Sincerely yours,
Lucius H. Clark



Officially adopted and must be used in all
 match games. The cover is made in eight
 sections, with capless ends and of the finest
 and most carefully selected pebble grain
 leather. The bladder is made specially for
 this ball, of extra heavy and purest Para
 rubber. Each ball packed, complete, in
 sealed box, and guaranteed perfect in every
 detail.

The Spalding "Official" Basket Ball.
 No. M. Each, \$5.00

Extra Bladders
 No. OM. For above. Each, \$1.25



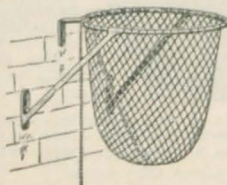
The Spalding Regulation Basket Ball
 Regulation size, fine leather cover, with capped ends.
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 Selected leather cover, regulation size.
 No. 18. Each, \$2.00

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 No. 27. For above bags. Each, 80c.



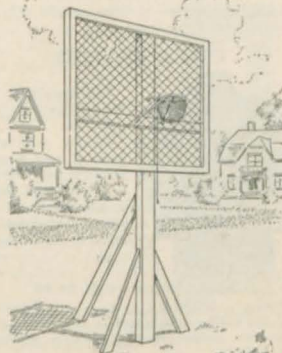
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Outdoor Goals

Outdoor Basket Ball Goals, Uprights and Net Frame.
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SPALDING'S ATHLETIC SWEATERS



"HIGHEST QUALITY" SWEATERS are made of the very finest Australian lamb's wool, and are exceedingly soft and pleasant to wear. They are full fashioned to body and arms and without seams of any kind. The various grades in our "Highest Quality" Sweaters are identical in quality and finish, the difference in price being due entirely to variations in weight.




We call special attention to the "Intercollegiate" grade, which was originally made by special order for the Yale football eleven and are now exclusively used by all Intercollegiate players. They are considerably heavier than the heaviest sweater ever knitted and cannot be furnished by any other maker, as we have exclusive control of this special weight.

- No. A. "Intercollegiate," special weight, \$6.00
 No. B. Heavy Weight, - - - - - 5.00
 No. C. Standard Weight, - - - - - 4.00

Colors: White, Navy Blue, Black and Maroon. Other colors to order at an advanced price. Prices on application. All made with 10-inch collars; sizes, 32 to 44.

STRIPED SWEATERS

Same quality as our No. B. Sizes, 32 to 42 inches. Colors: Red and Black, Navy and Red, Orange and Black, Navy and White. Stripes 2 inches wide.

No. 88, Each, \$5.50.

Any other combination of colors to order only at an advanced price.

RIBBED SWEATERS



Following colors only: White, Maroon, Navy Blue and Black.

Our No. 9 Sweater is made of pure wool, full shaped to body and arms. It is guaranteed superior to any sweater of equal price. Guaranteed absolutely all wool. Sizes, 26 to 44.

No. 9. Medium weight, \$1.60

Our No. 11 is not all wool, but contains more of it than most sweaters usually sold as all wool sweaters at a high price. Colors: White, Black, Navy, and Maroon. Sizes, 32 to 44.

No. 11. Medium weight, in Black, Navy, and Maroon only. Each, \$1.25

SHAKER SWEATERS



We introduce this season a line of sweaters to fill a demand for as heavy a weight, as our "Highest Quality" grade, but at a lower price, and after much experimenting, we are in a position to offer this line in the following colors only: Black, Navy Blue, Maroon or White, as follows:

- No. 1. Same weight as No. A, \$5.00
 No. 2. Same weight as No. B, 4.00
 No. 3. Same weight as No. C, 3.00
 Sizes, 30 to 44.

STRIPED SWEATERS

Same quality as No. 3. Sizes, 32 to 42, in following colors: Red and Black, Navy and Red, Orange and Black, Navy and White.

No. 38. Each, \$3.50

Stripes 2 inches wide, in above combinations of colors only.

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SPALDING'S WALL MACHINES

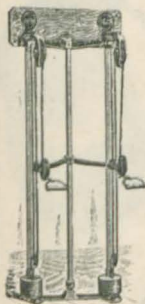
FOR HOME EXERCISE

No apparatus for home exercising covers the field so thoroughly as our Chest Weights listed on this page. No instructions are necessary, and by simply following the chart furnished with each machine all the muscles of the body may be easily and pleasantly exercised and with sufficient variations in the movements to relieve it of monotony.

SPALDING CHEST WEIGHT No. 5

The No. 5 Machine has the Centre Arm Adjustment, which permits of all the lower as well as the direct and upper chest movements. The various changes are made by raising or lowering the centre arm, requiring but a few seconds to do it, and practically combines in one machine a complete gymnasium.

No. 5. Japan Finish, Each, \$15.00
No. 5A. Nickel-plated Trimmings, " 18.00

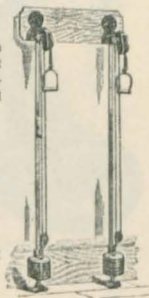


SPALDING No. 5
16-lb. Weights

SPALDING CHEST WEIGHT No. 6

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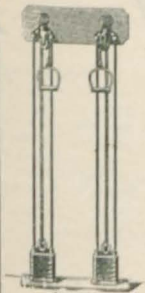
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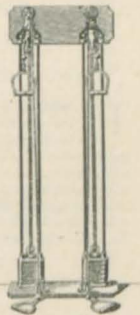
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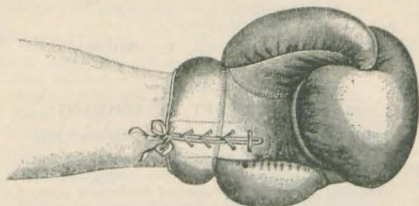
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